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ON THE COVER . . .

Running back Mike Adamle (20) gets ready to make his move against Green Bay in action a year ago. Adamle is one 'team' player discussed in Don Pierson's story on Page 8. (Photo by Mike Vollan)



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WHAT ARE THESE TWO MEN TALKING ABOUT? Well, Bears strength coordinator Clyde Emrich (left) and general manager Jim Finks could be discussing the team's flexibility drills. Read Kevin Lamb's story on Page 6. (Photo by Bill Smith)

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Doug Buffone



It's 1966 and Buffone Meets the Bears

Do you remember your first full-time job? How about your first day at work? You're young, scared and above all anxious to make a good impression on those you work with and for.

First an All-Star

It's really not much different in professional football. In the summer of 1966 I was on my way to join the Chicago Bears — my first full-time job.

But there was an intermediate stop, because I had been picked to play in the College All-Star Game. That meant missing the first two weeks of the Bear training camp in order to prepare to meet the World Champion Green Bay Packers.

The Bears

The All-Star camp proved to be a special challenge for me. After playing as a middle linebacker throughout my collegiate days at Louisville, I was now being moved to an outside spot.

With ten days of practice at my new position behind me I was told that we were ready to scrimmage the Bears — great.

You can imagine that I was just a little nervous on that bus ride from our camp at Northwestern to the Bears' camp, then at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana.

Rookie Meets Veterans

My previous contact with the Bears organiza-

tion had been brief. I was recruited and signed by George Allen, after being drafted on the fourth round (Allen left shortly thereafter to take a job with the Rams, I'm not sure what significance that had).

I had also met Mr. Halas, but my first get-together with the Chicago players was that Saturday in Rensselaer — a day to remember.

Most of the members of the championship Bears of 1963 were still on the roster and I knew it would take a good effort for a rookie to make the team.

So here was my chance to let them know that Doug Buffone was ready to become a Chicago Bear and they were more than happy to put me to the test.

Hello Mike

I really didn't think it my place to start any introductions with my soon-to-be teammates, so I just stuck with the All-Stars — the introductions came soon enough.

In our defensive formation, the left outside linebacker (that's me) lined-up opposite the tight end. Well, Chicago's tight end at the time happened to be a 'little' guy named Mike Ditka (6-3, 230). He had been in the NFL for five years and had played in five consecutive Pro Bowls.

Even though we were both from Pennsylvania I guessed that we wouldn't have time to swap

old high school football stories — we didn't.

Had Him Scared

At the time Ditka was rated as the best blocking tight end around and he certainly would have gotten my vote after our first meeting.

I literally got buried by Ditka on a number of plays — the afternoon began to drag just a little. And if I was lucky enough to get by him I then faced either halfback Gale Sayers or fullback Andy Livingston (6-1, 222). But by the end of the scrimmage I did have Ditka kind of scared ... scared that he may have killed the skinny kid from the University of Louisville.

Dominant? Let's just say that the Bears 'handled' the All-Stars.

Not Impressive

So my first day on the job as a professional athlete was not overly impressive. I didn't talk to any Bears before the scrimmage and you can bet I didn't talk to any after.

It was a little bothersome to know that we had been knocked around by the Bears and we still had Vince Lombardi's Packers to look forward to a week later (in my first column of the year I recounted the Pack's 38-0 win).

Despite a shaky introduction, I did manage to make the Bears as a rookie and Mr. Halas has been my employer ever since — he must have missed that All-Star scrimmage.

1975 NFL Stat Leaders

(Compiled by Elias Sports Bureau)

(Editor's Note: This is the last in series reviewing the 1975 National Football League statistical leaders.)

TOP TEN RUSHERS

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Simpson, O.J., Buff.	329	1817	5.5	88t	16
Harris, Franco, Pitt.	262	1246	4.8	36	10
Mitchell, Lydell, Balt.	289	1193	4.1	70t	11
Otis, Jim, St.L.	269	1076	4.0	30	5
Foreman, Chuck, Minn.	280	1070	3.8	31t	13
Pruitt, Greg, Clev.	217	1067	4.9	50	8
Riggins, John, N.Y.J.	238	1005	4.2	42	8
Hampton, Dave, Atl.	250	1002	4.0	22	5
Newhouse, Robert, Dall.	209	930	4.4	29	2
Thomas, Mike, Wash.	235	919	3.9	34	4

AFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Simpson, O.J., Buff.	329	1817	5.5	88t	16
Harris, Franco, Pitt.	262	1246	4.8	36	10
Mitchell, Lydell, Balt.	289	1193	4.1	70t	11
Pruitt, Greg, Clev.	217	1067	4.9	50	8
Riggins, John, N.Y.J.	238	1005	4.2	42	8
Morris, Eugene, Mia.	219	875	4.0	49	4
Braxton, Jim, Buff.	186	823	4.4	29	9
Coleman, Ronnie, Hou.	175	790	4.5	46t	5
Keyworth, Jon, Den.	182	725	4.0	34	3
Nottingham, Don, Mia.	168	718	4.3	56	12
Banaszak, Pete, Oak.	187	672	3.6	27t	16
Cunningham, Sam, N.E.	169	666	3.9	17	6
Hardeman, Don, Hou.	166	648	3.9	39	5
Green, Woody, K.C.	167	611	3.7	42	5
van Eeghen, Mark, Oak.	136	597	4.4	22	2
Clark, Boobie, Cin.	167	594	3.6	17	4
Young, Rickey, S.D.	138	577	4.2	48t	5
Garrett, Carl, N.Y.J.	122	566	4.6	40	5
Bleier, Rocky, Pitt.	140	528	3.8	17	2
Johnson, Andy, N.E.	117	488	4.2	66t	3

NFC - INDIVIDUAL

	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TDs
Otis, Jim, St.L.	269	1076	4.0	30	5
Foreman, Chuck, Minn.	280	1070	3.8	31t	13
Hampton, Dave, Atl.	250	1002	4.0	22	5
Newhouse, Robert, Dall.	209	930	4.4	29	2
Thomas, Mike, Wash.	235	919	3.9	34	4
McCutcheon, Lawrence, L.A.	213	911	4.3	43t	2
Metcalfe, Terry, St.L.	165	816	4.9	52t	9
Bussey, Dexter, Det.	157	696	4.4	32t	2
Payton, Walter, Chi.	196	679	3.5	54t	7
Strachan, Mike, N.O.	161	668	4.1	21	2
Taylor, Albie, Det.	195	638	3.3	24	4
Sullivan, Tom, Phil.	173	632	3.7	28	0
Williams, Del, S.F.	117	631	5.4	52	3
Pearson, Preston, Dall.	133	509	3.8	32	2
Bryant, Cullen, L.A.	117	467	4.0	18	2
Bertelsen, Jim, L.A.	116	457	3.9	19	3
Harper, Roland, Chi.	100	453	4.5	32	1
Stanback, Haskel, Atl.	105	440	4.2	26t	5
Dawkins, Joe, N.Y.G.	129	438	3.4	15	2
Brockington, John, G.B.	144	434	3.0	19	7



THE UPS AND DOWNS OF STEVE SPURRIER . . . Bear linebackers Don Rives (57) and Waymond Bryant complete one of six sacks applied to Tampa Bay QB (at left) while Doug Buffone (55) oversees the play. **AT RIGHT** Spurrier tries in vain to catch up with Virgil Livers after throwing an interception. That play went for a touchdown. (Special Photos)

Bears Meet Redskins After Tampa Bay Win

It was Bob Avellini's birthday and bringing the gifts were Waymond Bryant, Virgil Livers and Mike Hartenstine. The fact that the presents were stolen made things all the more fun — well, fun unless you happened to be rooting for Tampa Bay.

The Bears gained possession of the football at the right times last Saturday in Tampa and hung on to defeat the Buccaneers 10-7. Avellini, while celebrating his 23rd birthday, helped engineer Chicago to its fourth pre-season win in five 1976 games.

Washington Next

Coach Jack Pardee's squad now closes the exhibition season Saturday in Washington D.C. The Redskins (2-3) and Bears (4-1) tangle at 7 p.m. CDT in Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium. The game will be live over WGN Radio (720 AM) and on WBBM-TV (Channel 2 in Chicago).

Little Offense

Neither Chicago nor Tampa Bay had much luck offensively all night at Tampa Stadium. A scoreless first half was marked by two interceptions and a fumble recovery. Bear running back Johnny Musso lost the handle during Chicago's second offensive series. After moving to the Tampa 23-yard line, Musso fumbled and Buccaneer linebacker Jimmy Gunn recovered the ball to halt the drive.

The Bears had the ball once more in the first quarter but that series ended with a missed 47-yard field goal by Bob Thomas.

Midway through the second period Avellini was caught for the first interception of the evening. Rookie Brian Baschnagel, in his initial assignment as a wide receiver, was the intended target on the play — but defensive back Ricky Davis made the interception at the Bear 47.

Bryant Has Steal

Tampa's last drive of the first half had quarterback Steve Spurrier in the throwing mood

and a touchdown seemed to be in the offing.

After completing three straight passes to wide receiver Lee McGriff, down to the Bears' 18, Spurrier again looked to the second-year pro from Gainesville. But this time Bear linebacker Waymond Bryant stepped in front of McGriff and with 30 seconds left before intermission, Chicago had steal number one.

Ten Seconds

If any of the 47,592 Tampa fans were late in returning to their seats after halftime, it certainly proved to be a bad move on their part.

The Bears kicked off to the Buccaneers and on just the second offensive play of the half, things began to happen. Spurrier, on a second-and-five situation was passing to Barry Smith, on a short out on the left side. But wait a minute, its Virgil Livers and he's got the Bears' steal number two.

The right corner back was in the Tampa Bay endzone 35 yards later. That interception gave Chicago a 7-0 lead following Rick Danmeier's point after kick.

Right Back

That lead stood for exactly 15 seconds. On the ensuing kickoff, Buc rookie Isaac Hagins (Southern University) slipped through the Bear specialty team for a 94-yard touchdown return.

Hagins, drafted on the ninth round by Minnesota, was picked up by Tampa on waivers only three days prior to the Bear game. Pete Rajacki added the extra point and the score was knotted at 7-11 — and that's the way things stood after three periods.

Final Quarter

Coach John McKay's team, looking for win number two in its first NFL season, was on the move again with ten minutes to play. After a Bob Parsons' punt, the Buccaneers started first-and-ten from the Bear 49.

A 28-yard pass from Spurrier to Joe Wylie highlighted the drive which moved Tampa to within 13 yards of the go-ahead score.

But running back Vince Kendrick spoiled Tampa's attempt at victory with a fumble. The Bear defense cracked Kendrick and as the ball squirmed skyward, end Mike Hartenstine grabbed it for steal number three.

Winning Field Goal

The Bears failed to convert on that turnover, but they made the win a certainty on their next possession. Avellini, who had given way to Virgil Carter at the start of the second half, was back in charge late in the game.

A 25-yard pass completion to Payton was the big play as the Bears moved from their own 40 to the Tampa 30. The drive stalled there, but Bob Thomas came in to make good on a 44-yard field goal attempt and victory was assured. That kick came with 1:43 left to play.

Offensive Change

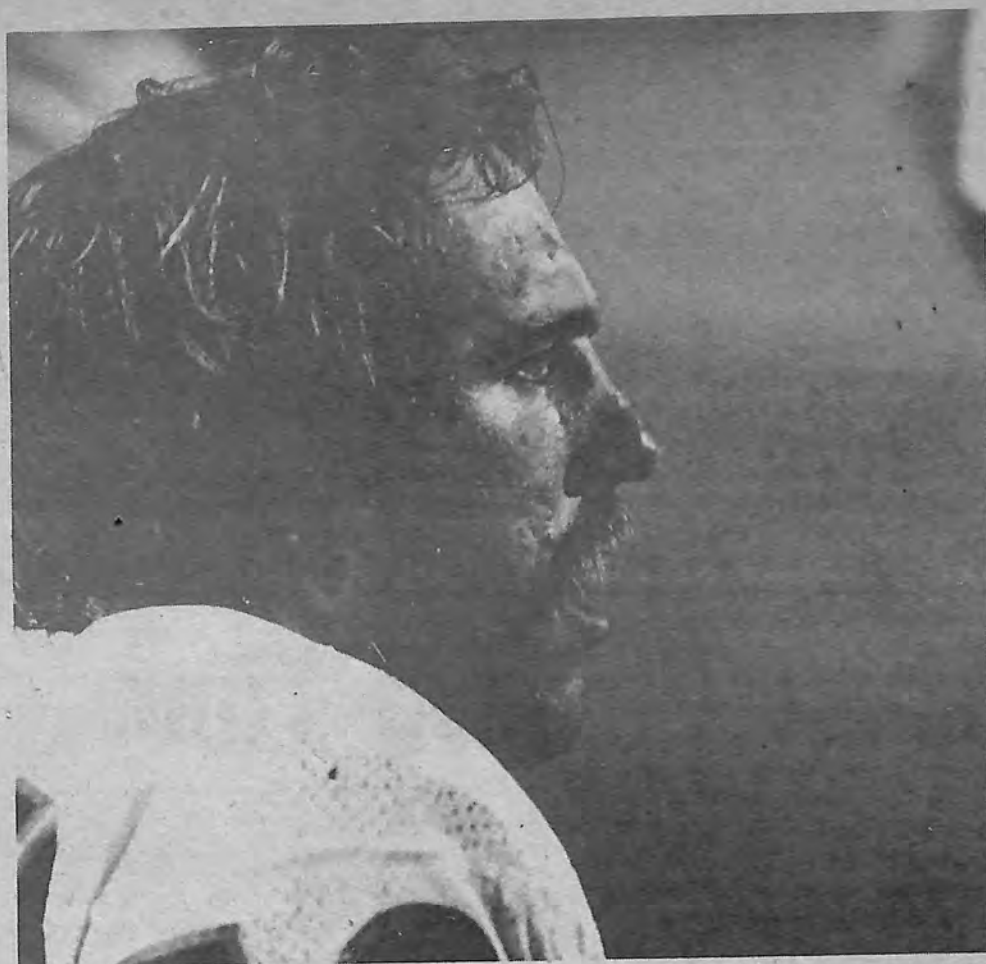
Injuries had slowed the Chicago offense even before the Tampa game started. Back Mike Adamle (thigh) and receivers Ron Shanklin and Bo Rather (both with knee injuries) were left at home to mend.

As a result, for most of the game the Bears lined-up with four offensive tackles and no tight ends. Payton, recovering from a sore knee, and Roland Harper were the only two to have pass receptions.

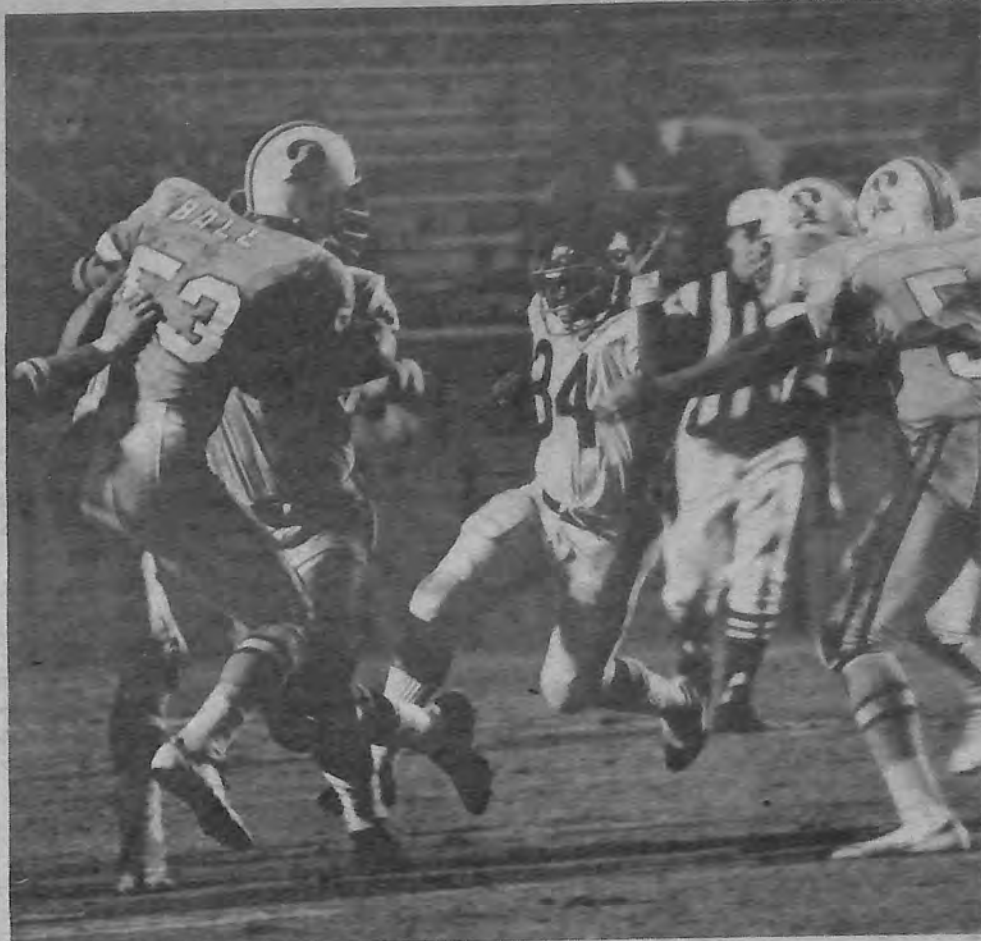
On defense the Bears looked strong sacking Spurrier six times for 62 yards lost. Safety Craig Clemons did not play because of a bad ankle. At the same time middle linebacker Tom Hicks was used for more than one quarter for the first time this season, spelling starter Don Rives.

Victories

Chicago has now won six of its last eight games dating to December 7th of last season. Both losses have been to the St. Louis Cardinals. The Bears open the regular season at home Sept. 12th against Detroit.



DEFENSIVE END Mike Hartenstine takes a breather at Tampa Stadium. His fourth quarter fumble recovery helped to save the Bear 10-7 win. (Special Photo)



MAKING A CUT is back Walter Payton. Tampa Bay linebackers Bert Cooper (56) and Larry Ball (53) attempt to halt the advance. Payton was the game's leading rusher. (Special Photo)

TEAM STATISTICS

	Chicago	Tampa Bay
Total First Downs.....	14	9
Rush.....	10	2
Pass.....	3	6
Penalty.....	1	1
Total Net Yards.....	230	118
Offensive Plays.....	64	56
Avg. Per Play.....	3.6	2.1
Net Yards Rushing.....	175	51
Rushing Plays.....	46	24
Avg. Per Rush.....	3.8	2.1
Net Yards Passing.....	55	67
Att.-Comp.-Int.....	16-7-1	26-16-2
Avg. Per Pass.....	4.1	2.6
Punts-No. and Avg.....	8-36.2	10-39.9
Total Return Yardage.....	120	195
Penalties-No. and Yds.....	8-69	10-93
Fumbles-No. and Lost.....	2-1	2-1
Extra Points Made-Att.....	1-1	1-1
Field Goals Made-Att.....	1-2	0-0

Scoring Summary

Chicago.....	0	0	7	3-10
Tampa Bay.....	0	0	7	0-7

Chicago—Livers, 35-yard pass interception return (Danmeier kick)

Tampa Bay—Hagins, 94-yard kick-off return (Rajecki kick)

Chicago—Thomas, 44-yard field goal

Time: 2:53

Attendance: 47,592 (Tampa Stadium, Tampa)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Chicago						
RUSHING		Att.	Net	Avg.	Lg.	
Payton	.....	17	91	5.4	12
Harper	.....	16	61	3.8	8
Musso	.....	8	17	2.1	8
PASSING		Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Lg.	Int.
Avellini	10	6	62	25	1
Carter	6	1	4	4	0
RECEIVING		No.	Yds.	Lg.		
Payton	.....	2	31	25	
Harper	.....	5	35	18	

PUNTING	No.	Avg.	Lg.
Parsons.....	8	36.2	51

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Baschnagel.....	2	11	6
Schubert.....	1	7	7
Livers.....	3	2	—

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Baschnagel.....	2	65	35

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	TD
Livers.....	1	35	1
Bryant.....	1	0	0

TACKLES	Solo	Assist
Ellis.....	6	2
Buffone.....	5	2
Bryant.....	4	2



LIVERS AGAIN ... on a punt return Virgil Livers has Buccaneer defensive end Brad Watson (70) all tied up as the Bear corner back breaks free. (Special Photo)

Tampa Bay				
RUSHING	Att.	Net	Avg.	Lg.
Kendrick.....	5	18	3.6	6
Carter.....	7	14	2.0	7
Hart.....	6	12	2.0	10

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Lg.	Int.
Spurrier.....	26	16	129	28	2

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Lg.
McGriff.....	5	48	13
Hart.....	3	15	5

PUNTING	No.	Avg.	Lg.
Broussard.....	10	39.9	65

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Lg.
Wylie.....	4	32	15

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Hagins.....	1	92	92.0	1
Wylie.....	1	32	32.0	0
Westbrook.....	1	20	20.0	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.
R. Davis.....	1	18

TACKLES	Solo	Assist
Ball.....	4	2
Cooper.....	7	2
Pear.....	5	1



Kevin Lamb

- A Bear Report Regular -

Flexibility Plan Stretches Playing Time

Bob Asher sat down very carefully, as though part of his body would fall off if he tipped it too much. He spread 260 pounds over 6 1/2 feet, not the sort of body a person would seek out for kicking sand at the beach. But as big as it was, Asher's body had withstood too much football. As he announced his retirement, he spoke of the lesson football teams have learned long since Asher's formative years.

Big bodies must also be flexible.

Watch the linemen unpile after a short running play sometime. They don't fall into positions they would assume for watching television. Legs and arms and necks are bent in directions that legs and arms and necks are not designed to go.

Flexibility Programs

"I think if I had had a flexibility program when I was in college, I might have been able to play longer," Asher said when he ended his five-year career this summer. "I never was a good runner. I think that's why my legs cramp up on me."

"Flexibility programs are as much a part of the Bears' conditioning as weight programs these days. Players stretch their legs and arms at the beginning of every practice. Strength coach Clyde Emrich devises weightlifting exercises designed to stretch muscles as well as strengthen them. Players ranging in size from receiver Bo Rather to tackle Jeff Sevy have used dance exercises to make themselves more flexible.

A Part of Daily Drills

"The difference here is that stretching is a regular part of practice," trainer Fred Caito says. "A lot of teams still have the players do it on their own. We're telling them we think it's important enough to use practice time for stretching. And there's someone to supervise, to make sure they're going about it the right way."

When Asher was a rookie at Dallas, the Cowboys were just learning about flexibility programs. They ushered yoga and karate experts into training camp to teach the finer points of bending bodies. It was too late for Asher.

"It's something you've got to start with at a younger age," he said.

Too Much Lifting is Bad

Sevy did. The first year he played football, his coach stressed the importance of mobility. "One thing I don't ever want to have happen is for me to be tight," says Sevy, who now starts at Asher's old right tackle position.

"I became too musclebound," Asher said. "I did too much weight lifting. I did a lot of lifting with my legs, but I've always had trouble running two miles."

The idea behind stretching out strong ligaments and muscles is not only to keep them from snapping, but also to improve a player's skills. Place kicker Bob Thomas credits his higher kickoffs to more flexible thighs.

Offensive tackle Lionel Antoine says he has been able to move around better since stretch-

ing regularly. That's as important on the line as being strong. Defensive linemen would rather go around than run into a blocker.

"It's one of the greatest things in football conditioning," Doug Buffone has said. "Besides making you more supple, it helps your co-ordination."

Injuries Reduced

Caito says joint injuries are the ones most likely to be reduced by stretching. The Stanford Research Institute says knee injuries dropped from 25.3 percent of all injuries to 20 percent between 1972 and 1974.

"Tight muscles create tight joints," Caito says. "If the muscles give, the joint will give instead of snapping. Stretching especially helps when you have a wet field. The linemen tend to do the splits then. But there are some injuries that can't be prevented at all. If a guy hits your knee the wrong way, it doesn't matter how well it'll bend."

Kevin Lamb is a sports writer for the Chicago Daily News.



STREEETCH . . . Doug Buffone (right) seems to be getting the hang of the Bears' flexibility exercises. Noah Jackson (left) is taking a break from the action. (Photos by Bill Smith)



Gridiron Guessers Gear up for Season

BY TIM SULLIVAN, RANDY WIEVEL,
and MIKE HABERMAN



The Superpickers

Well, this week marks the end of the 1976 NFL pre-season schedule. In a very short time, all 28 teams will be called upon to get out there and play the games for keeps.

Same thing with the Superpickers. Starting next week, all of our selections will be officially kept track of in our record book. A lot of questions still remain to be answered.

Will this be the year when we finally get 80% of our picks right, or will the 14-year old kid from Antigo, Wisconsin beat us again? Will Haberman continue to insist upon always picking the Redskins because he likes Sonny Jurgensun, even though Sonny has nothing to do with the Washington attack anymore? Can Wievel overcome his weird dislike for Dallas long enough to let us pick the Cowboys to win now and then? Will Sullivan ever pick against the Oakland Raiders?

Can the expansion teams win a game here and there? Will Jimmy Wood show up again at headquarters to lay some poetry on the fans? Can we expect another dazzling performance from the mighty Karnac, the supreme soothsaying Saudi Arabian sage?

All we can say is tune in next week as the Superpickers and their gain of gridiron guessers begin their assault on the NFL schedule for real.

But this is now, and therefore, here is the way we think the last week of Pre-Season '76 should go:

STEELERS OVER JETS — New York has about as much of a chance winning this as Spiro Agnew has of getting the 1980 Republican nomination. Pittsburgh by 20.

OAKLAND OVER SEATTLE — Wow, this outta be a good one! The Raiders could start Al Davis at quarterback and still win by 31.

HOUSTON OVER DALLAS — We're gonna gamble on this one and take the team from Texas. Actually, we'll pick the Oilers by 3 merely because Superpicker Wievel doesn't like Dallas and never really did.

CHICAGO OVER WASHINGTON — The Redskins' defensive secondary is a little shaky. We feel Bo Rather might be the guy to watch for here as the Bears win by 7.

GREEN BAY OVER ATLANTA — Well, look what we have here ... an Atlanta pro sports team coming back to Milwaukee. We're still mad about the Braves moving to Atlanta in the first place, so we're taking the Pack by 8.

ST. LOUIS OVER KANSAS CITY — The pride of Missouri is on the line here. Under normal circumstances, we'd take the Cardinals. Fact is ... under any circumstances, we'd take the Cardinals! They win by 10.

LOS ANGELES OVER SAN FRANCISCO — Haberman's vocabulary is very limited, but for the thoughts he wants to convey, it's adequate. That means he feels the Rams will cream the 49ers by 34.

CINCINNATI OVER TAMPA BAY — We've decided to pick against the Buccaneers for the rest of the pre-season. Bengals win it by 17.

PHILADELPHIA OVER NEW ENGLAND — To spare the words, we'll take the Birds. But just for our slate, it's the Eagles by eight.

BUFFALO OVER CLEVELAND — One if by land; Two if by sea. If Ferguson's hot, it's Buffalo by three.

MINNESOTA OVER DENVER — This one should be "X"-rated. The chances of a knockout are excellent, and we think Steve Ramsey will be the first one to go. Vikings by 14.

BALTIMORE OVER DETROIT — The Lions can't be fussy, if their best offense is Busse. Watch the Colts give him some jolts! Baltimore by 9.

SAN DIEGO OVER GIANTS — The winner of this one gets to play again next week. The loser might just as well sit out the season. Chargers by 1.

MIAMI OVER NEW ORLEANS — About time the NFL gave us an easy one! Miami will use its famous "53-Offense" in this game ... literally! Dolphins by 53.

Super Sports Quiz Number Seven

BY TIM SULLIVAN, RANDY WIEVEL,
and MIKE HABERMAN

1. Which one of these guys played professional football with the New York Giants, New York Titans, and New York Jets?

- a. John Riggins
- b. Truman Capote
- c. Billy Mathis
- d. Don Maynard
- e. Larry Grantham

2. Who holds the record for scoring the most points in one Super Bowl game?

- a. Max McGee
- b. Don Chandler
- c. Larry Csonka
- d. Jan Stenerud
- e. Jim Turner

3. Who caught the most touchdown passes for the Chicago Bears last year?

- a. Greg Latta
- b. Bo Rather
- c. Walter Payton
- d. Bob Grim
- e. Bob Parsons

4. Which Green Bay Packer completed the most passes in one season?

- a. Tobin Rote
- b. Bart Starr
- c. Bobby Thomason
- d. John Hadl
- e. Paul Hornung

5. Who was the first Head Coach of the Atlanta Falcons?

- a. Norm Van Brocklin
- b. Marion Campbell
- c. Norb Hecker
- d. Dave Bristol
- e. Nubbs Miller

6. In the last Super Bowl, which Cowboy did Jack Lambert get mad at for poking fun at Roy Gerela?

- a. Dave Edwards
- b. Cliff Harris
- c. John Wayne
- d. Charlie Waters
- e. Harvey Martin

7. Kicker Dave Green led the Bengals in scoring last season with 70 points. Who was the second highest scorer on Cincy?

- a. Stan Fritts
- b. Issac Curtis
- c. Boobie Clark
- d. Jack Twyman
- e. Chip Myers

8. Who led the Chicago Bears in total tackles last year?

- a. Wally Chambers
- b. Waymond Bryant
- c. Doug Plank
- d. Doug Buffone
- e. Craig Clemons

9. Which one of these guys was the only rookie to start in the Cowboys' offensive line since 1965?

- a. Pat Donovan
- b. Bruce Walton
- c. Burton Lawless
- d. John Fitzgerald
- e. Slim Pickins

10. While referring to Buffalo Coach Lou Saban, which one of these players said, "He's always in a rebuilding year."

- a. J. D. Hill
- b. Walt Patulski
- c. O. J. Simpson
- d. Ahmad Rashad
- e. Jamaal Wilkes

(Quiz Answers on Page 9)



TOUCHDOWN ... Virgil Livers holds up the stolen goods. His 35 yard interception return came in Tampa last Saturday. (Special Photo)



Don Pierson

- A Bear Report Regular -

Bears Promote Team Effort

It long has been the theory of pro football observers and the pipedream of coaches that if the annual squad of College All-Stars could be kept together as one NFL franchise, it would win the Super Bowl within three or four years.

Another theory suggests it wouldn't. In two years, half the players would ask to be traded. Too many prima donnas would spoil the broth.

How many of these highly-paid heroes would volunteer to run down on kickoffs? How many quarterbacks would be content to play second string behind a quarterback the same size, same age and carrying the same press clippings?

There is more to the making of a football team than writing blank checks for discontented All-Pros. George Allen may disagree, but when a team has eight players unsigned, then trades for a \$100,000 player like Jake Scott, trouble usually follows.

Bears Building

In Chicago, that has not been the style of General Manager Jim Finks, who showed no interest in star running backs like Larry Csonka, Ron Johnson, Calvin Hill and John Riggins and refused to go after Scott even though depth in the Bears' secondary is an obvious problem.

Big money was only one reason. Another was the fact that one or two stars couldn't turn the

young Bears around in a year anyway.

Perhaps the most important consideration, however, is that Finks believes in developing a certain "chemistry" in a team. The old cliché — 40-man effort — is as true as it is trite. Second stringers are as important as superstars. But finding athletes with the maturity and intelligence to accept a supporting role is not easy.

It is no accident that the Bears are finding them.

Everyone Has A Job

"I realize my job is a backup receiver," said Steve Schubert. "That doesn't mean I don't keep trying to be first string, but special teams are my job and receiving is my second job. I understand that."

Billy Knox, named special teams captain last year, made the team as a free agent during the 1974 player strike. Nobody understood why until Coach Abe Gbron said, "He's proof that you can still make it in this league on desire and ability to play on the special teams."

Knox gets paid to hustle and he does his job well.

Full Speed

"I either have to like it or I don't have a job," he says. "It's expected of me and you have to do it whether you like it or not. There's no use holding a grudge. That's the way I was brought up and taught. Go full speed all the time."

"It has been made clear to us that if we're not

starting we'll be playing on special teams. We don't have anybody just sitting around. We can do it here because we have a young team. I can see why they might have problems on older teams.

Finks remembers that an important part of building the Minnesota Vikings was "some of the older guys who accepted their supportive role with gusto — Dave Osborn, Bill Brown, Grady Alderman, Milt Sunde."

Virgil Carter's temperament and experience ideally suit him to back up second-year quarterback Bob Avellini.

Finks calls running backs Mike Adamle and Johnny Musso "shining examples" of players dedicated to the team effort.

Putting it Together

Linebacker Ross Brupbacher, a starter for the Bears in 1971 and 1972, said when he came out of retirement: "I've never sat on the bench in my life, but that doesn't mean there won't be a first time. If I don't start I think I can contribute. Special teams are not my favorite pastime but that's how I made the Bears originally."

It's all part of "putting it together," says Finks, and it appears that's what the Bears are doing.

Don Pierson is a sports writer for the Chicago Tribune.

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AT THE READY POSITION is Bear quarterback Bob Avellini, the action took place August 21 at Soldier Field. Defending is St. Louis' Walt Patulski (74). Attempting to help out are tackle Jeff Sevy (75) and guard Revie Sorey (69). The Cardinals won 20-14, it was the Bears first pre-season loss of 1976. (Photo by Mike Vollan)

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ANSWERS TO SUPER SPORTS QUIZ NUMBER SEVEN

1. d — Don Maynard.
2. b — Don Chandler scored 15 points for the Pack against Oakland on four field goals and three extra points.
3. a — Greg Latta caught three touchdown passes from Bob Avellini in Chicago's 42-17 win over the Saints last season.
4. d — John Hadl completed 191 passes out of 353 attempts in 1975. Our fifth choice, Hornung, completed the most passes off the field in one season.
5. c — Norb Hecker.
6. b — Lambert was outraged at safety Cliff Harris for humiliating kicker Gerela. Lambert grabbed Harris, threw him to the ground five yards away, and told him not to do it again.
7. a — Running back Stan Fritts scored ten touchdowns for Cincinnati.
8. c — Safety Doug Plank led the Bears with 123 tackles. (74 solo and 49 assists.)
9. c — In 1975, guard Burton Lawless started as a rookie.
10. b — Walt Patulski, now a defensive end for the Cardinals. When Saban heard of the quote, he replied, "With guys like Patulski on the team, you've got to think of rebuilding."

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Pre-Season 1976 - Game 6

Chicago Bears at Washington Redskins

September 3, 1976 - 7:00 p.m. CDT

RFK Memorial Stadium - Washington, D.C.

The Bears' last memories of playing in Washington are not pleasant. On December 15, 1974 the Redskins blanked Chicago 42-0, marking the Bears' last regular-season shutout.

Saturday the same two teams meet again in Washington, their first confrontation since 1974. The Bears come into the game with a 4-1 pre-season record, while the Redskins are 2-3.

Overpowered the Jets

Washington quarterback Billy Kilmer threw his first two touchdown passes of the pre-season last week as the Redskins beat the N.Y. Jets 38-7 in Yankee Stadium.

Kilmer threw 17 yards to Roy Jefferson in the second period to put Washington ahead for good and then he hit Jean Fugett from 14 yards

out in the third quarter.

Linebacker Harold McLinton set-up two other Washington scores with interceptions. He had a 16-yard interception return on Joe Namath's first pass of the game; that set-up Mike Thomas' three-yard TD run. Later, a McLinton interception return of 27 yards set the stage for Kilmer's scoring pass to Fugett. Only 13,132 fans witnessed the game.

The Redskins other 1976 exhibition win was in the year's first game, 17-10 over the Falcons in Atlanta.

Running Stars

The Washington backfield was bolstered this season when Skins coach George Allen was able to add two stars to his roster. He per-

suaded Calvin Hill (who left Dallas for the WFL) and John Riggins (who had played out his option with the Jets) to join Washington for 1976. Those two backs compliment the running of Mike Thomas, Washington's top draft pick in 1975. He was named as Rookie of the Year in NFC, rushing for 919 yards. He also caught 40 passes for 483 yards. Larry Brown, moved to fullback last season after knee surgery, looks to be back in shape.

Kilmer is the Skins' top QB despite missing two complete games a year ago because of foot and shoulder injuries. Backing up Kilmer are Joe Theisman, Randy Johnson and Pat Sullivan.

Taylor Back

Charley Taylor, Rookie of the Year in 1964, begins his 14th pro season as the all-time reception leader in the NFL. He led the Redskins in receiving again last year, for the fourth straight season.

At the start of the '76 he had caught 635 passes for 8,952 yards and 79 touchdowns.

Defense

A knee injury to defensive end Verlon Biggs in the 1975 pre-season had coach Allen switching Dennis Johnson from tackle to end. But Biggs has fully recuperated from surgery.

Biggs is back at his end position and at the other end is 16-year veteran Ron McDole. At right tackle is Bill Brundige, who is coming off both shoulder and foot surgery. Also available is Manny Sistrunk.

Chris Hanburger is again at the left linebacker position and will call the defensive signals. On the right side is Brad Dusek and in the middle is Rusty Tillman, who also serves as captain of the specialty teams.

At left cornerback is Pat Fisher, who is now in his 17th professional season. Mike Bass, at the right corner, picked off four opposing passes last year to lead the team in that category. One of the top secondary men for the Redskins is strong safety Ken Houston. The former Houston Oiler had 37 career interceptions entering 1976.

George Allen

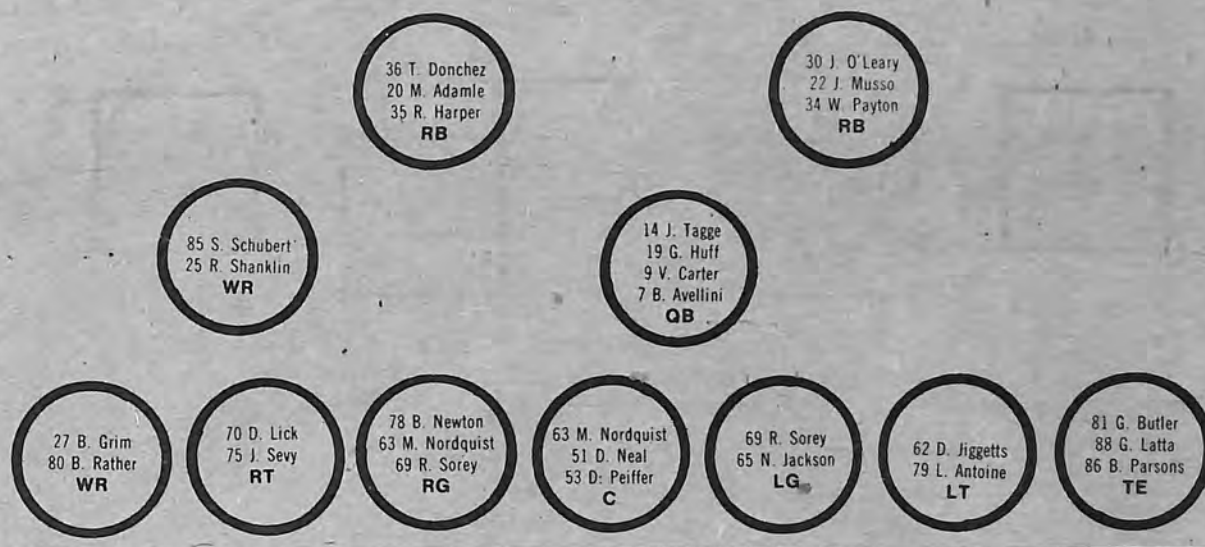
George Allen starts his sixth year as the Redskins' head coach with a record of 48-21-1 in the Nation's Capitol — that makes him the winningest coach in Redskin history. He needs only three more victories to reach the '100 win mark' as he now works his 11th season as a head coach in the NFL.

The Series

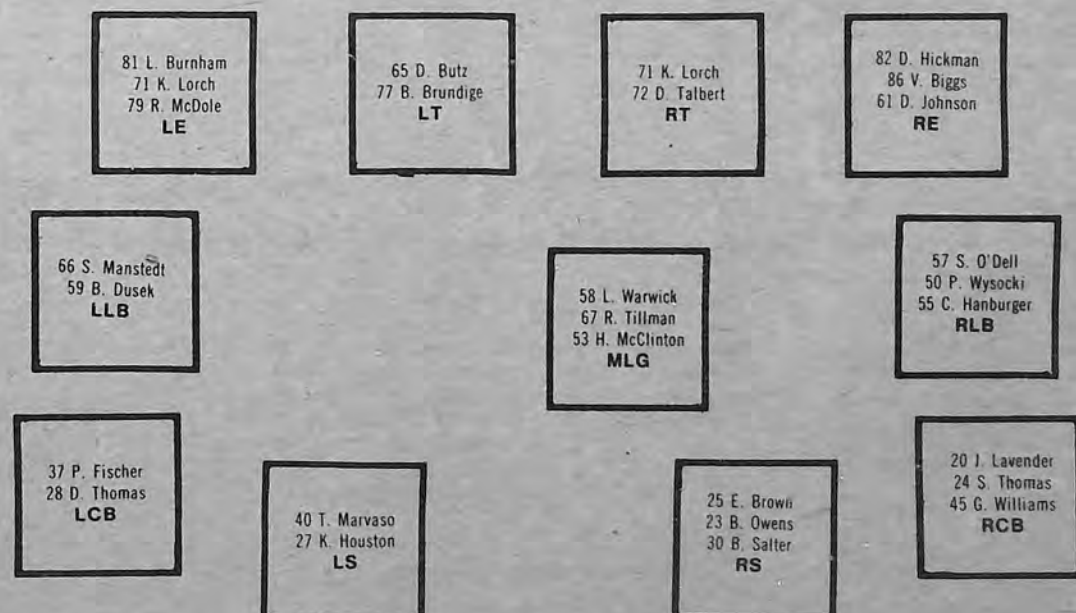
In a series dating to 1937, Chicago leads Washington in the win-loss column 32-16-0. During the regular season the Bears hold a 9-7 margin and in pre-season they are up 21-7.

In the last exhibition game between the two teams, Washington claimed a 7-3 win at home in 1973. The Bears last beat the Redskins during the pre-season in 1968 in Raleigh, N.C., 45-13. The last regular season win was at Soldier Field in 1972, 16-15.

Bears Offense



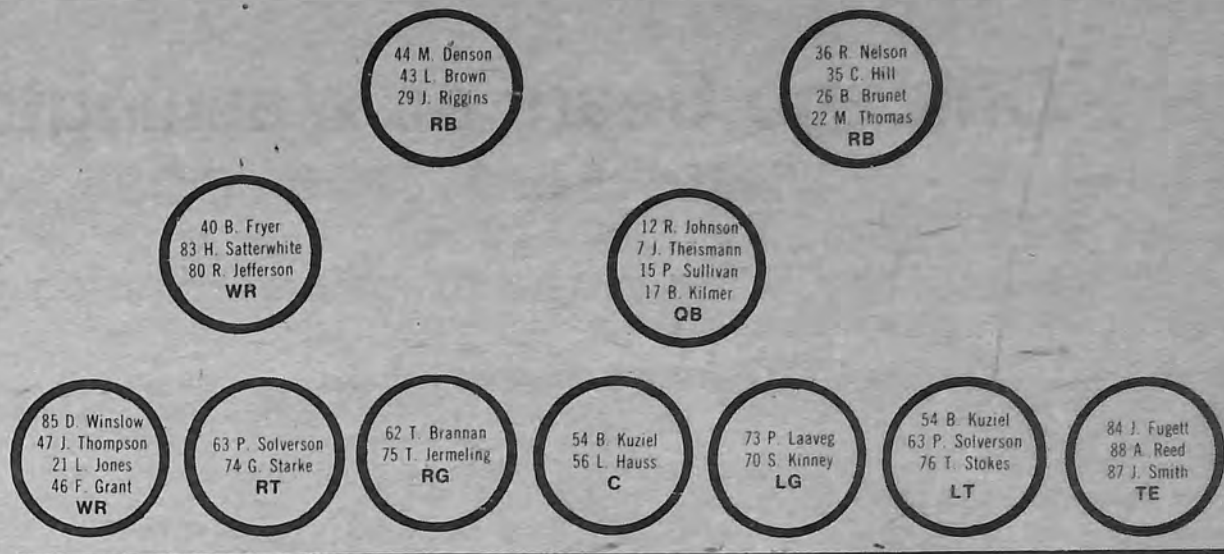
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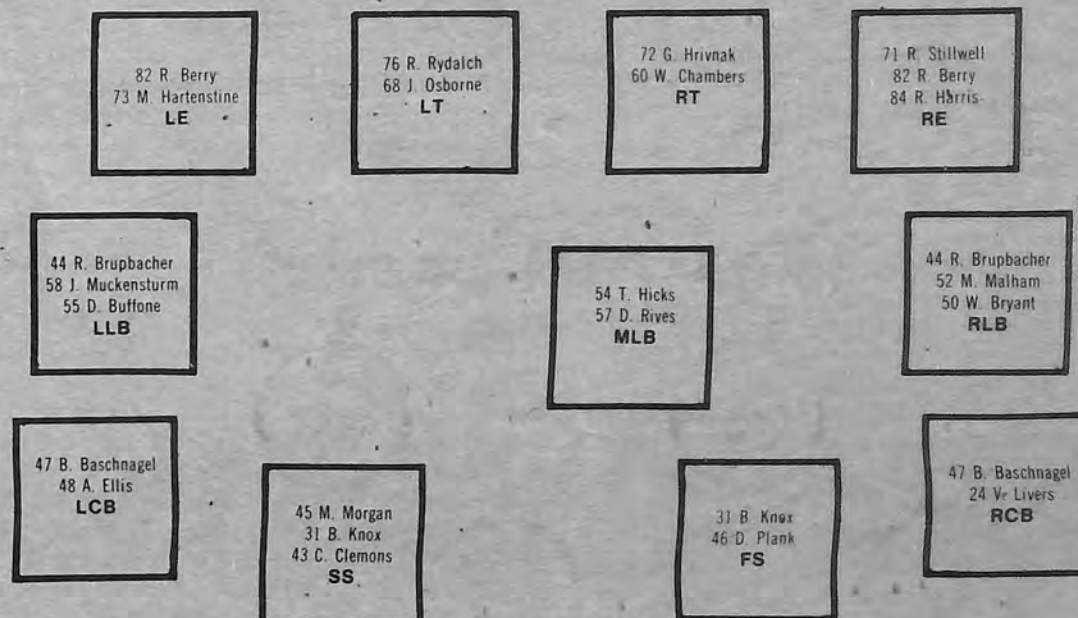
Numerically Bears

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Yr	College
7	Avellini, Bob	QB	6-2	211	23	2	Maryland
9	Carter, Virg	QB	6-1	190	30	7	Brigham Young
14	Tagge, Jerry	QB	6-2	218	26	4	Nebraska
15	Danmeier, Rick	K	5-11	205	24	1	Sioux Falls Coll
16	Thomas, Bob	K	5-10	177	24	2	Notre Dame
19	Huff, Gary	QB	6-1	199	25	4	Florida State
20	Adamle, Mike	RB	5-9	198	26	6	Northwestern
21	Laws, Henry	CB	5-10	169	22	R	So. Carolina
22	Musso, Johnny	RB	5-11	201	26	2	Alabama
24	Livers, Virgil	CB-PR	5-8	176	24	2	W. Kentucky
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	187	28	7	N. Texas State
27	Grim, Bob	WR	6-0	187	31	10	Oregon State
30	O'Leary, John	RB	6-0	205	22	R	Nebraska
31	Knox, Bill	CB-S	5-9	190	25	3	Purdue
34	Payton, Walter	RB	5-10	203	22	2	Jackson State
35	Harper, Roland	RB	5-11	215	23	2	Louisiana Tech
36	Donchez, Tom	RB	6-2	218	24	2	Penn State
43	Clemons, Craig	S	5-11	195	27	5	Iowa
44	Brupbacher, Ross	LB	6-3	220	28	R	Texas A&M
45	Morgan, Mike	S-CB	6-1	198	22	R	Washburn (Kan.)
46	Plank, Doug	S	5-11	198	23	2	Ohio State
47	Baschnagel, Brian	CB-KR	6-0	195	22	R	Ohio State
48	Ellis, Allan	CB	5-10	180	25	4	UCLA
50	Bryant, Waymond	LB	6-3	239	24	3	Tennessee State
51	Neal, Dan	C-G	6-4	257	27	4	Kentucky
52	Malham, Mickey	LB	6-2	210	23	R	Arkansas State
53	Peiffer, Dan	C	6-3	254	25	2	SE Missouri
54	Hicks, Tom	LB	6-4	235	23	1	Illinois
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-2	229	32	11	Louisville
57	Rives, Don	LB	6-2	230	25	3	Texas Tech
58	Muckensturm, Jerry	LB	6-4	226	22	R	Arkansas State
60	Chambers, Wally	DT	6-6	250	25	4	E. Kentucky
62	Jiggets, Dan	T	6-4	274	22	R	Harvard
63	Nordquist, Mark	G	6-4	255	30	9	Pacific
65	Jackson, Noah	G	6-2	265	25	2	Tampa
68	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	248	27	5	Southern
69	Sorey, Revie	G	6-2	270	22	2	Illinois
70	Lick, Dennis	T	6-3	271	22	R	Wisconsin
71	Stillwell, Roger	DE	6-5	254	24	2	Stanford
72	Hrivnak, Gary	DE-DT	6-5	251	25	4	Purdue
73	Hartenstine, Mike	DE	6-3	256	23	2	Penn State
75	Sevy, Jeff	T-G	6-5	260	25	2	California
76	Rydalch, Ron	DT	6-4	262	24	2	Utah
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-4	260	27	6	Nebraska
79	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-6	266	26	5	S. Illinois
80	Rather, Bo	WR	6-1	188	25	4	Michigan
81	Butler, Gary	TE	6-3	235	25	4	Rice
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-3	239	30	8	Houston
84	Harris, Richard	DE-DT	6-5	262	28	6	Grambling
85	Schubert, Steve	WR	5-10	187	25	3	Massachusetts
86	Parsons, Bob	TE-P	6-5	241	26	5	Penn State
88	Latta, Greg	TE	6-3	228	23	2	Morgan State

Redskins Offense



Bears Defense



Redskins

SPECIALISTS

Skins

7 J. Theismann
4 M. Bragg
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3 M. Moseley
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15 P. Sullivan
7 J. Theismann
H
25 E. Brown
85 D. Winslow
21 L. Jones
47 J. Thompson
PR
85 D. Winslow
83 H. Satterwhite
21 L. Jones
KR
63 P. Solverson
54 B. Kuziel
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63 P. Solverson
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PC

BEARS

87 T. Powell
86 B. Parsons
P
15 R. Danmeier
16 B. Thomas
KO/K
47 B. Baschnagel
24 V. Livers
PR/KOR
53 D. Peiffer
51 D. Neal
PC/KC
19 G. Huff
9 V. Carter
H

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3	Moseley, Mark	K	6-0	205	28	5	Stephen F. Austin
4	Bragg, Mike	P	5-11	186	29	9	Richmond
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	6-0	184	26	3	Notre Dame
12	Johnson, Randy	QB	6-3	205	32	10	Texas A & I
15	Sullivan, Pat	QB	6-0	195	26	5	Auburn
17	Kilmer, Billy	QB	6-0	204	36	15	UCLA
20	Lavender, Joe	CB	6-4	190	27	4	San Diego St.
21	Jones, Larry	WR	5-10	170	27	3	N.E. Missouri St.
22	Thomas, Mike	RB	5-11	190	23	2	Nevada-L.V.
23	Owens, Brig	S	5-11	190	33	11	Cincinnati
24	Thomas, Spencer	CB	6-2	185	25	2	Washburn
25	Brown, Eddie	S	5-11	190	24	3	Tennessee
26	Brunet, Bob	RB	6-1	205	30	7	Louisiana Tech
27	Houston, Ken	S	6-3	198	31	10	Prairie View
28	Thomas, David	CB	5-11	178	24	R	Texas Southern
29	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	230	26	6	Kansas
30	Salter, Bryant	S	6-5	196	26	6	Pittsburgh
35	Hill, Calvin	RB	6-4	227	29	7	Yale
36	Nelson, Ralph	RB	6-2	195	22	2	No college
37	Fischer, Pat	CB	5-9	170	36	16	Nebraska
40	Fryer, Brian	WR	6-1	185	23	R	Alberta, Canada
41	Bass, Mike	CB	6-0	190	31	9	Michigan
43	Brown, Larry	RB	5-11	195	28	8	Kansas State
44	Denson, Moses	RB	5-11	215	32	3	Maryland-E. Shore
45	Williams, Gerard	CB	6-1	184	24	1	Langston
46	Grant, Frank	WR	5-11	181	26	4	So. Colorado
47	Thompson, Jim	WR	6-0	180	23	R	Memphis State
48	Marvaso, Tommy	S	6-1	190	22	R	Cincinnati
50	Wysocki, Pete	LB	6-2	225	27	2	W. Michigan
51	Janel, Ernie	G	6-4	252	27	5	Washington
53	McClinton, Harold	LB	6-2	235	29	8	Southern
54	Kuziel, Bob	C	6-5	255	26	2	Pittsburgh

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55	Hanburger, Chris	LB	6-2	218	34	12	No. Carolina
56	Hauss, Len	C	6-2	235	34	13	Georgia
57	O'Dell, Stu	LB	6-1	220	24	3	Indiana
58	Warwick, Lonnie	LB	6-3	240	34	11	Tennessee Tech
59	Dusek, Brad	LB	6-2	214	25	3	Texas A & M
61	Johnson, Dennis	DT	6-4	260	24	3	Delaware
62	Brannan, Tim	G	6-0	247	25	1	Maryland
63	Solverson, Pete	T	6-5	260	23	1	Drake
65	Butz, Dave	DT/DE	6-7	297	26	4	Purdue
66	Manstedt, Steve	LB	6-2	215	24	R	Nebraska
67	Tillman, Rusty	LB	6-2	230	28	7	North Arizona
70	Kinney, Steve	T/G	6-5	257	27	3	Utah State
71	Lorch, Karl	DE	6-3	258	26	1	USC
72	Talbert, Diron	DT	6-5	255	32	10	Texas
73	Laaveg, Paul	G	6-4	250	27	6	Iowa
74	Starke, George	T	6-5	249	28	4	Columbia
75	Hermeling, Terry	T	6-5	255	30	6	Nevada-Reno
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82	Hickman, Dallas	DE	6-6	235	24	1	Calif. Berkeley
83	Satterwhite, Howard	WR	5-11	185	23	1	Sam Houston St.
84	Fugett, Jean	WR/TE	6-3	226	24	5	Amherst
85	Winslow, Doug	WR	6-0	185	25	2	Drake
86	Biggs, Verlon	DE	6-4	275	33	12	Jackson State
87	Smith, Jerry	TE	6-3	208	33	12	Arizona St.
88	Reed, Alvin	TE	6-9	235	31	10	Prairie View



Greg Gordon

- A Bear Report Regular -

Livers: Big Enough To Do The Job

Virgil Livers can still hear it ringing in his ears. "Gee, he's small. Is his size going to hurt us?" The talk used to get under Livers' skin. Sometimes it still does. But it also serves as his inspiration.

At 5 foot 8 1/2 and 178 pounds, Livers is the smallest player on the Bears' roster. Certainly by any physical standards, he is diminutive for professional football. Yet he latched onto the starting right cornerback job as a rookie last season and has held it since.

Trying Harder

"Of course, to me size isn't everything," Livers says. "I think there's a thin line between a good player, a mediocre player and a player that doesn't make it."

"It boils down to which player wants it the most. I'm the type that tries harder."

Livers has found ways to overcome his size — with astonishing speed and strength.

Two years ago during the off-season, he won the Bears' weight-lifting contest for his class, lifting 295 pounds in a bench press and 235 pounds in a military press.

In track, he was clocked in a 9.4 second 100-yard dash and still runs on 440-yard relay teams as an off-season pastime.

His speed and strength helped him set a Bear club record with 42 punt returns for 456 yards last year, one of the brightest spots in a tough season for Chicago fans.

There is little doubt entering his second full season in the pros that Livers has succeeded in making himself a marketable pro football player. The amazing thing is, he has done it all by himself.

Late Start

Livers didn't even play organized football until his last year in high school. His school in Bardstown, Ky., was so small it didn't have a football team, but it consolidated with a larger school in

nearby Fairfield in time for Livers to play as a senior.

The college recruiters paid Livers little attention, but he tried out for the team at Western Kentucky University anyway as a walk-on. He was one walk-on who could have helped any team in the country.

"They started me out at wide receiver, but a lot of guys were trying out for that position and they asked me to try defensive back," Livers recalled.

By the time Livers was a senior, he had so excelled that he was feared by opposing quarterbacks.

"They wouldn't throw over there too much," he acknowledges.

Livers finished his college career with nine pass interceptions, and was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year as a senior.

Punt Returner

He also had become a threat as a punt return man, running back 50 punts for 545 yards and three touchdowns in his senior year alone. He averaged 32 yards on kickoff returns.

No one let him forget about his size, however. His coaches and teammates even nicknamed him "Mighty Mouse."

And when it came time to think about pro football, Livers couldn't ignore his size, either.

"I decided I wouldn't mind giving it a try," he said. "I watched Eddie Bell, a receiver for the New York Jets, and Mel Gray of the St. Louis Cardinals, and I said, 'Those guys are about my size.' I thought about it, and I said, 'Geez, I think I could play.'"

"When I got drafted, I almost flipped."

Fourth Round Draft

The Bears may have had higher hopes for Livers than he did himself. They picked him in the fourth round of the 1975 draft, primarily to

boost their specialty teams.

Livers' punt return work — including an NFL record for not making a fair catch in 42 tries — was payoff alone.

But it was to the utter surprise — and consternation — of most Bears observers when Livers found his way into the starting defensive backfield as a rookie.

Making The Grade

As usual, Livers had the last laugh. He responded by making 44 tackles; batting down 15 passes and intercepting two others during the seven games he started.

"My long range goal was to eventually play cornerback," he said. "I hate to be recognized just as a specialty team man."

But that meant proving once again that he was big enough to do the job. The nicknames were back — this time it was "Midget," courtesy of defensive tackle Jim Osborne. Livers didn't mind, but he said:

"After awhile you get kind of tired of hearing people say, 'You're small,' or, 'Is Livers' size going to be a factor?' Now when I read it, I laugh at it."

"I hope I don't have to continue to do that all my life — prove that size isn't everything."

Livers figures he has about a 50-50 chance of drawing a receiver who has a considerable height advantage on a pass pattern.

"It's gonna more or less psyche me up," he said. "I take a look at him and say, 'He's taller than I am. More power to him if he can catch it on me.'"

The Bigger They Are ...

In the case of someone like 6-foot-6 Harold Carmichael of the Philadelphia Eagles, Livers admitted that, "if it was a jumping contest in the end zone, he'd win. But if I can't get to the ball, I can sure enough put a lick on him where he'll want to let go of it."

The starting role has made Livers work harder, and he has even more incentive because he was married to his wife, Linda, last January.

"It's made me improve myself so I can keep my job," he said. "Some day there may be a family."

But Livers would be giving it all he's got anyway.

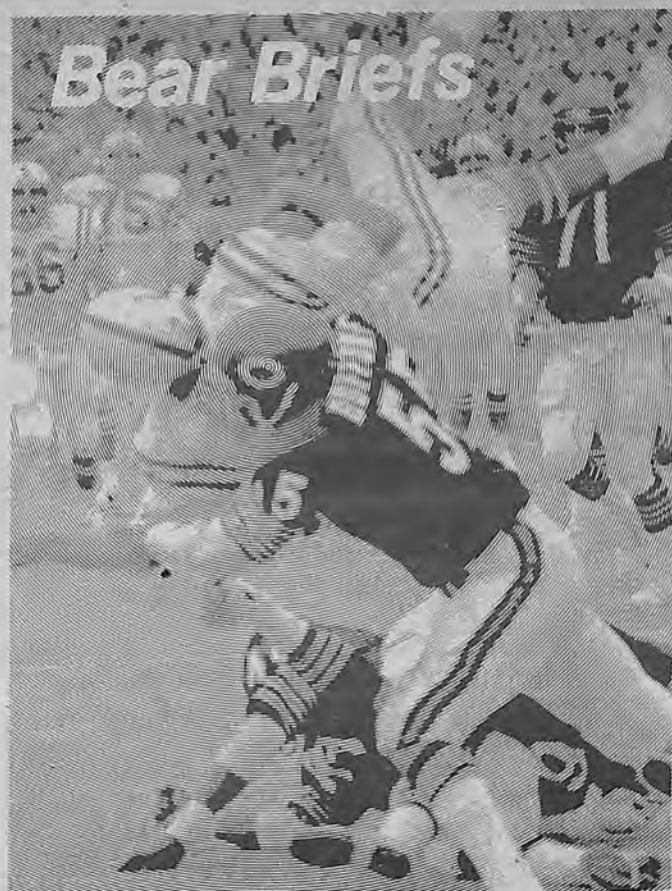
As he says, "If I ever don't make the grade, it will be the fact that I just can't do it, not that I didn't work at it."

Greg Gordon is a writer for United Press International in Chicago.



THE GLAMOUR OF PRO FOOTBALL is not always part of the game. Here cornerback Virgil Livers is helped off the field by team physician Dr. Theodore Fox (left) and trainer Fred Caito. (Photo by Bill Smith)

Bear Briefs



Roster Size

The NFL finally agreed on its first player limit of the season in meetings two weeks ago. The magic number to be reached by each team, with a August 24 deadline, was 49.

In order to reach that limit the Bears, like most league teams, had to make the **first major cut** of 1976. Six Chicago rookies were put on waivers in order to comply, they were: Witt Beckman (WR), Ken Downing (CB), Dale Kasowski (RB), Jerry Meyers (DE), Ivy Moore (WR) and Ron Parker (TE).

At the same time, defensive end **Roger Stillwell** was placed on the pre-season inactive list. Stillwell, prior to the Tampa Bay contest, had been out of action with a sore knee after being hurt in the year's first game at Denver.

Further roster size limits have yet to be decided on.

Injury Update

Before playing Tampa Bay last Saturday the main player question marks were **Walter Payton**, **Craig Clemons** and **Mike Adamle** (and of course Stillwell).

Payton's knee, Clemon's ankle and Adamle's thigh kept their workouts during the week to a bare minimum — all were the result of injuries during the St. Louis game, August 21.

Linebacker **Waymond Bryant** also missed two days of practice last week in order to fly to Dallas because of a family illness.

Grange Again

In our August 12 issue it was noted that the Bears trip to Washington, to play the new Seahawks, was the first to Washington since the **Red Grange** days of 1926.

The situation was the same last week when the Bears played in Tampa. It was the first trip to Tampa, for Chicago, since **George Halas'** touring team played there on New Year's Day in 1926.

In that game, the Redhead from Wheaton, Illinois rushed for 135 yards against **Jim Thorpe's** Tampa Cardinals — the Bears won 17-3.

HOW HOT WAS IT? Well, it was so hot at Lake Forest that Doug Buffone's helmet was treated for sunburn. But head coach Jack Pardee seemed to keep his cool through it all. (Photo by Bill Smith)

Streak Ends

Over a two-season period the Bears had won four straight games before losing to St. Louis, 20-14, on August 21.

Following that game Chicago head coach **Jack Pardee** talked about quarterback **Bob Avellini**:

"He wasn't as sharp as he was against Baltimore (August 14). But he's young and needs the work and will be a great one. We didn't give him much help and the Cardinals had the ball a long time."

Other Pardee Talk

The second-year coach had these thoughts on other Bear subjects ... the **club's 3-0 start**: "It sure has made camp interesting but it also excited our fans. Soldier Field used to be a neutral or anti-Bear stadium for too long. We haven't scratched the surface as far as our improvement goes. Our execution needs to get better. Don't worry, we're not peaked out after those three wins. We've got a whole lot to learn."

On the 1976 Bears: "We need to work on our passing game. I think other teams will have to respect it. If the defense plays like it has been, we won't get blown out by anyone. We have flexibility and depth in our offensive line. We haven't played as well as we can yet."

On Pre-Season Play: "Camp fever sets in about this time every year, but we've continued to have good workouts and concentration from our players."

Pre-season is for learning and we've got a lot of it to do. As far as games are concerned, you can learn as much about yourself winning and losing."

On Brian Baschnagel (who is now working on offense and defense): "He's improving every day and getting a lot out of our morning passing sessions. We're satisfied with his progress. He'll be a great special teams player, but right now he doesn't know his job. You have to learn how to play on special teams the same as you learn any position."

NFL Talk

Los Angeles linebacker **Isiah Robertson** was relating the circumstances that prompted him to adopt his new look, a neatly trimmed mustache and business length hair style which is quite a contrast with the bushy beard and Afro from previous years:

"I went to the hair stylist for a wash and blow dry. It was right after we lost the NFL championship to Dallas (27-7). There was a guy in the shop who said, 'If I was a Ram I wouldn't want anybody to know who I was. I'd shave my head.'"

Ordinarily, you might expect the 6-3, 225-pound **Robertson** to take offense at such an affront. Nope, he had his head shaved. "I used to think I had to identify with the position," Robertson continued. "You know, lay all that **Dick Butkus** and **Mean Joe Green** stuff on people. The beard and hair all over your head and all that. Now I've changed my mind. I'm beginning to get the idea that if you do your job, they will know who you are."

Kelvin Korver, a defensive tackle with the **Raiders** (the Bears' Nov. 7 opposition), flew his own biplane to camp from his Hickman, Nebraska home.

"It's an acrobatic plane," Korver told Frank Cooney of the San Francisco Examiner, "and I like to do snap rolls and loops. I began flying last year after I hurt my knee in the first game. I have two planes and I use them crop dusting back home, also for surveying and traveling to my restaurants."

NFC

ST. LOUIS QUARTERBACK JIM HART on his passing style: "I'm still the conventional drop-back passer. I've been chided by fans and what-have-you for not running. But I'm not very quick afoot and I'm not very nifty. So my place is back there, in the pocket, where I've got some protection. That is where I can do the most damage."

AFC

OILERS COACH BUM PHILLIPS is known throughout the NFL for his different approach to the game. His original involvement with the sport is, in itself, a little unique. Bum quit the first job he ever had in a refinery because he declined to give a donation to a charity which his supervisor recommended, asking instead to be able to donate to another worthy cause. He left that day after picking up his last paycheck wondering what he was going to do. "My idea of a permanent job was to hire on at a refinery and work there until I retired," he recalls.

"That's what just about everyone else in our part of the country did after high school. I had no idea what to do after I quit. I just climbed into my pickup and started driving home. On the way I passed Lamar College (now Lamar University). There were some people practicing football. I stopped to watch, and the coach came over and asked me if I was interested in trying out. I told him I was just watching." After persuading Phillips to try out, the coach then talked him into accepting a scholarship. "I really wasn't that interested," Bum admits. "I figured it would be something to do until I got a good job."





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Twin Choice Proves Right for Sammy Rives

After 20 years Lucille Hamill was still having trouble telling her identical twin grandsons apart. And it wasn't so difficult to figure out why.

Both grandsons of course looked alike, they also talked alike, went to the same college, and played the same linebacking position on the Texas Christian University football team. To make matters even more confusing, Lucille's own daughter Jane had given her twin boys first names that even sounded alike, enough, right.

So, when it came to playing match-maker for that pretty blonde freshman who lived down the street, Grandma Lucille told Sammy Thompson she could have her choice of either Donald or Ronald Rives. That is, as long as she made sure she ended up with one of them.

That First Meeting

"All summer long before I went to TCU, she'd say, 'Now you look up Donald and Ronald when you go to school,' Sammy said. 'Then she'd call her grandsons up and say, 'Now, you boys take care of Sammy when she gets to school.'"

"Well, by the time I got to school, I was so sick of hearing about 'those Rives boys', I had absolutely no intention of looking them up."

The feeling was mutual.

Donald and Ronald Rives were so fed up with hearing their grandmother talk about "that sweet young thing down the street", they had no intention of meeting Sammy Thompson, either. No such luck.

Upon arrival at a campus fraternity party during freshman orientation, "that sweet young thing" just happened to see a pair of identical twins who looked like they were wearing built-in shoulder pads. After all the build up, Sammy Thompson just couldn't resist the temptation.

"Are you Don or Ron Rives?" she asked, waltzing up to the nearest twin.

"I'm Donald," said the 6'2" 215 lb. linebacker. "And you You wouldn't happen to be that Sammy girl who my grandmother always bugs me about?"

"That's me," Sammy said.

So it began. The pre-destined college sweethearts were married within a year after that meeting. And as Mrs. Donald Rives now sees things, it was fate that helped her choose the Bears' starting middle linebacker, instead of his twin brother.

"Donald and Ronald may look alike, but they're as different as night and day in every other way," Sammy said. "Ronald decided football wasn't for him after his second year on the TCU team. And he has pursued an entirely different occupation as a registered army nurse in San Francisco."

"Obviously, by his choice of profession, Don is a much more aggressive person," she said. "And if I hadn't met him first, his grandmother's matchmaking probably would have all gone for naught."

Religion Helps

In the three years that Don Rives has been playing professional football with the Chicago Bears, Sammy Rives has come to believe that the same fatalistic theme that brought her together with Donald is also at work today, governing his football career, as well as their life together.

The main reason for that feeling is the religious experience they've been able to share with other Bear couples each week of those

three seasons.

Don's fellow players and their wives are all members of the same Biblestudy group, headed by Bruce Bickle, formerly the no. 2 quarterback behind Roger Staubach at Navy. And currently the no. 1 regional director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"It's the main reason we look forward to coming back to Chicago every season (from their off-season home in Texas) aside from football," Sammy said. "We read through different verses of the Bible on our own, then sit around every week and exchange our ideas, thoughts, and feelings about it."

"It's a beautiful thing, because nobody's right, and nobody's wrong," she said. "Everybody just accepts each other for what they are, without trying to change anybody."

The religious experience has also helped Don and Sammy Rives accept difficult situations for what they are.

And, throughout her husband's Chicago Bear career, there have been plenty of situations that Sammy Rives would have preferred to change.

Becoming A Bear

In Don's first year, there was a minor obstacle standing in the way of his winning the starting job at middle linebacker. His name was Dick Butkus.

His second year, when Butkus had retired, Don Rives started the first two games, then hurt his back, and lost the starting job to a rookie named Waymond Bryant.

And finally, last year, when new head coach Jack Pardee decided to move Bryant to the outside, Rives got yet another shot at the starting middle spot. He played exactly ten minutes of the third regular season game, then dislocated a few bones in his foot, and was out for the season.

"Up until he turned pro, I just assumed Don was invincible," Sammy said. "I never saw him so much as cut his finger, so the thought of him getting hurt never even crossed my mind."

"But during the last three years, he's been

going through nothing but injuries," she said. "And if it weren't for that religious feeling we've developed, we could have never made it through."

That religious feeling keeps both her and Don going, simply because it has taught them to accept what happens to them as a blessing — however good or bad it may be.

"That's because we believe when God is on your side, he's looking out for you all the time, and planning your life," Sammy said. "And if something is his will, then there must be a purpose to it."

"That's the thought that kept Don's spirit up these three years," she said. "Even though he wasn't starting, and most of the time not even playing, he knew there must be something better in the plan for him."

Weight Training

So Don Rives used his sidelined time constructively, to add 20 pounds worth of solid chest muscle, by means of a vigorous weight training program he never had time to seriously devote himself to before.

"I've been shoving mashed potatoes at him for years, trying to help him gain that weight," Sammy said. "Having last year off gave him the time and desire to do it."

"Which just proves to me that for every bad thing that happens to us, there is something positive behind it."

Thanks to the added muscle, 6-2, 235 lb. Don Rives is even more qualified for the Bears' middle linebacker's job this year.

Sammy Rives just might be right after all. Maybe there is a higher plan in mind for all of us. It certainly seems to be working for the Bears starting middle linebacker. Just like it worked for Ronald Rives' twin brother back in college, AND that pretty blonde freshman down the street.

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SAMMY RIVES and her husband Don have learned to accept their difficult situations through religious gatherings. "We believe that God is on your side," Sammy said. (Photo by Fran Spielman)

Everyfan

by Elliott Anderson



(Editor's Note: Our newest Bear Report writer has his debut with this week's column. He is presenting his views of the Chicago Bears and the NFL as a sports fan and not a sports writer. We welcome Elliott Anderson our Everyfan.)

THE GAME

I'm the kind of fan who goes to River Shannon after the Bears lose to the Cardinals 20-14 to watch the delayed telecast figuring maybe this time Norm Thompson will fall down in the end zone so Avellini can complete his first quarter pass to Shanklin — the kind of fan who watches the slow motion replay of Roland Harper's fumble with thirty odd seconds to play and figures the second time around it's got to come out different.

Mike Vollan, a Bear Report photographer, and I get to the field early. I've got a pass for the east press box but no field access so I avoid the Andy Frains. I've never been this close before and I want a little time to get the feel of things — the place, which from below seems enormous, and the players. We're on the track near the Bears' bench — slit-trench is more like it — and Mike points to an oxygen tank with mouth piece and what looks like a glucose drip. Turns out it's only distilled water but nevertheless, the impression is real enough and the paraphernalia close-up is what I've come to see.

We watch the defense warming up, Chambers and Osborne and Rives, and I'm thinking about Don Pierson's Tribune story on Rives and the defense and people like Metcalf and Otis, and their receivers, Mel Gray and Ike Harris. Watching the Cardinals, I'm thinking about our corner backs and about the job they've got to do and a player named Banks who, I'm told, enjoys a steady diet of middle-line backers. I think about the oxygen and have this vision of Banks flat on his back and Rives standing there with one foot on his chest...

I make my way to the press box a few minutes before kick off, in time to watch the coin toss and sort through an impressive packet of stat sheets and forms provided by the Bears' press box service. I'm sitting next to Pat McCaskey, assistant public relations director, who wears a tan driving cap and contact lenses which must bother him because he squints a lot. There are three or four other writers in the booth: a big guy with a bull neck, crew cut and golfer's tan; another who must weigh close to two seventy-five and spends a lot of time mopping his face with a towel. In the box to our left is Fred O'Connor who, McCaskey tells me, calls most of the Bears' plays, feeding intelligence to his bench. To our right are two Cardinal coaches and somebody, a scout I gather, from Denver. It's a cliché to talk about war and football, but sitting up there between opposing strategists with the players going at it down below it seems that way, at least until I notice the hostesses, two lovely ladies in Bears' blue serving cokes, coffee, and sandwiches. One of them, an impressive blonde, comes in to take orders and when she's gone, the guy with the tan grins and says, "Fly United". I think he means something else and consider the implications, but then it turns out the ladies are in fact United stewardesses and I decide the war images work after all. The Bears have got their own USO.

If you saw the game, you know the pattern of it: a fast first quarter, a pretty good first half, the Cardinals running at will in the third quarter, the drama at the end. From above the patterns were clear, precise and sudden. Watching Hart work, my first thought is yeah, we've got secondary problems all right, and we could do with a better rush. But then McCaskey points out that Hart was sacked just nine times all last season and it occurs to me that if you're a real Bears' fan the other guy's not supposed to complete any passes, which with receivers like Gray and Harris and an offensive line as good as the Cardinals' is, just doesn't make any sense.

I remember best the end of the final quarter with the Bears driving for what might have been a winning touchdown. I mean I remember the rhythms of our expectations, how we felt, in the stands and in the press box. Brian Baschnagel's long return set us up; the first crucial St. Louis penalty nullified a fifteen yard loss to keep the drive alive; Marvin Upshaw's offside down close on fourth and five was a last reprieve. And then came the fumble, the let down, the mistake which meant the end of it all, for this week, anyhow.

In the locker room after the game it was hot and crowded, and the players were subdued as you might expect. I spoke briefly to Mike Hartenstine and watched Roger Stillwell hobble by on short crutches, and then stood with several others to listen to Jack Pardee rehearse what most of us knew already. They were good, the Bears were flat in the second and third quarters, we might have pulled it out, sure, but we hadn't played that well. Injuries, nothing serious, but a lot of nicks, troublesome. Pardee was tired and looked it. "What about the future?" a very small reporter who was standing on a chair wanted to know. Pardee smiled, patient, his face glistening, bored in all probability, but not showing it. "Well," he said, "We know what we've got to do."

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Butkus Back in Pro Ball: On Radio

(Editor's Note: The following story on former Bear Dick Butkus appeared in the July 27th issue of Saints World, the official publication of the New Orleans Saints. We reprint it here with the Saints permission.)

Standing on the sidelines at Vero Beach, the man's profile was vaguely familiar. The massive head, broad shoulders, barrel chest and muscular thighs gave way to two spindly, bowed calves; a giant early-American hutch on Louis IV legs.

First one, then a stream of youngsters made their way sheepishly toward him, begged an autograph, and went scampering back to their parents, waving their momentos through the air in triumph.

"HEY MAN, YOU KNOW WHO that was?" one lad, no more than 12, asked his father in the typical northeastern accent that dominates the retirement villages along Florida's palm coast.

"It's Dick Butkus! Dick Butkus!"

Two years ago that name shouted near a Saints practice was guaranteed to strike fear into the hearts of half the team — the offensive half. In a nine year career with the Chicago Bears, the name Dick Butkus became generic in the language of pro football for middle linebacker, savage tackling, love of contact, and the Chicago Bears. Today, however, he came in peace. A friend, actually, of the Saints and their legions of fans.

DICK BUTKUS, THE MAN WHO used to consider beating up on the Saints "a routine day," will now be trying to explain their exploits to the fans. After knocking them down for so many seasons, he will be part of the WGSO broadcasting team that will be picking them up in every NFL city and bringing back to New Orleans, hopefully winners.

"I'll be doing the color with Wayne Mack, a very good, and old friend of mine," Butkus said after standing in the blistering Florida sunshine for three days, suffering along with the Saints as

he watched three workouts. "And I can tell from watching these guys, I don't miss it at all. I'll never miss training camp."

AS BUTKUS CONTINUED TO watch the workout, the memories flooded back; memories of hot, humid afternoons in Tulane Stadium, of trying to chase down a scrambling young quarterback named Archie Manning, and putting up with fans who never seemed to stop yelling.

"The worst thing about playing the Saints was going into Tulane Stadium. That was the killer," Butkus remembered, without the trace of a smile. "It used to get so hot in that place, you'd dread playing there."

"Of course, the Saints themselves weren't that tough, so you used to worry about what time of the year you had to play down there. I can remember guys just wilting on the sidelines from the heat."

"THEN THERE WAS ARCHIE. The Saints never seemed to have an offense, except for him. We never really worried about playing their offense, just containing Archie and keeping him from scrambling. The Saints never scared you, but we still managed to lose a couple of games to 'em that we never should have."

When Butkus arrived in Vero Beach his first drive through the complex was a shocking experience. He was stunned at the luxury. "I wish some of these guys out here would have to go through the old Bears' camps," he growled. "They were really murder."

"WE USED TO HAVE FULL hitting twice a day for four weeks. We'd be out there beating our brains out in practice. And our rooms ... heck, they weren't as big as the closets in these places."

"Air conditioning? We used to dream about it!"

"This is a training camp most players would love to be in. It's the plushiest I've ever seen, by far, and it's one of the best organized I've ever heard of. It's really run well. Really nice."

Since leaving pro football two years ago, the victim of a deteriorating, arthritic knee, Dick has

embarked on a multi-faceted career, splitting his time between acting, broadcasting and globetrotting with an evangelical zeal as the disciple of Nautilus health machines. All of them have been satisfying, he says, but it's obvious being close to football is still important.

"I CAME DOWN HERE TO HANG around and get some background on the team, to familiarize myself with the players and the way things operate," he explained, swatting at the tenacious Florida mosquitos with the rest of the troops during a night workout. "This will be the first pro team I'll broadcast, so I want to make sure I'm up on my stuff. It's been two years now, and things can change. I've been on such a busy schedule, I really haven't seen much pro football since I left the Bears."

During the filming of "Mother, Jugs and Speed," Butkus made a weekly mad-dash across the nation to join up with the Fighting Illini of Illinois every Saturday. He was the color commentator for the Illinois games and did such a popular job, the sponsors and the school wanted him back. Meanwhile, the Saints and the Redskins began bidding for his services, but for radically different reasons. Wayne Mack went after his old friend with an open hand, while George Allen had his sleeves typically rolled down.

"WHEN WAYNE CONTACTED ME, I agreed to come and think about it," Dick continued. "Then I told him 'Okay.' The Illinois people wanted me to stay on there, too, but it would be just too much. I couldn't work at Nautilus Monday through Friday, then jump on a plane to the Illinois game, then try to fly to the Saints game."

Butkus sees himself as a technical advisor on football, not a Howard Cosell, nor for that matter, a Wayne Mack. "What I hope I can do is explain to the listeners some of the technical ends of the game. People who listen to the radio and watch television assume the announcer knows about the game, when sometimes he doesn't."

"I GUESS YOU COULD CALL ME a technical advisor. I hope I can help them understand more about the game."

Just after he had given WGSO a tentative 'yes', George Allen called. He was looking for an assistant coach, or so he said.

"He called and we talked about it, and I was interested," Dick admitted. "Then he started asking what kind of shape I was in. Had I been playing handball or racketball?"

"Suddenly I remembered how Maxie Baughn had gone to Washington as an assistant, and ended up wearing a Redskins jersey."

"I told George to forget it."

Which made at least one half of the Saints team happy. It's good to know they'll have Dick Butkus on their side, for a change.

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NFL Pre-Season Schedule

(All Times P.M. Local)

FIRST WEEKEND

JULY:	
23	Pittsburgh 24, All Stars 0
24	Denver 10, Detroit 7
31	Pittsburgh 24, N. Orleans 14
31	Detroit 20, Buffalo 17
31	Washington 17, Atlanta 10
31	Los Angeles 26, Tampa 3
31	Miami 16, Minnesota 8
31	Baltimore 21, Cleveland 0
31	Oakland 17, Dallas 14
31	San Diego 20, Philadelphia 7
31	St. Louis 13, New York Jets 12
31	Chicago 15, Denver 14
31	Cincinnati 23, Green Bay 17
AUGUST:	
1	San Francisco 27, Seattle 20
1	New England 13, New York Giants 7 (OT)
2	Kansas City 9, Houston 3 (OT)

SECOND WEEKEND

AUGUST:	
6	Baltimore 20, Wash. 3
6	San Diego 26, New England 17
7	Los Angeles 26, Dallas 14
7	Cincinnati 31, Buffalo 10
7	Minn. 13, Kansas City 10
7	Oakland 20, St. Louis 9
7	Cleveland 31, Atlanta 7
7	New Orleans 13, Houston 10
7	GB 10, Tampa Bay 6
7	Chicago 27, Seattle 16
8	San Francisco 17, Denver 7
8	Miami 30, Detroit 21
9	Pittsburgh 14, Philadelphia 7
11	N.Y. Giants 16, N.Y. Jets 14

THIRD WEEKEND

AUGUST:	
13	New Orleans 21, Buffalo 14
13	Oakland 41, New York Jets 17
14	Los Angeles 16, Seattle 13
14	Miami 24, Philadelphia 16
14	Pittsburgh 27, Washington 7
14	Cincinnati 26, Detroit 14
14	Denver 13, Dallas 9
14	New York Giants 30, Houston 14
14	Tampa Bay 17, Atlanta 3
14	Chicago 25, Baltimore 14
15	San Francisco 21, Kansas City 13
15	Green Bay 16, New England 14
16	Cleveland 31, Minnesota 7
16	St. Louis 20, San Diego 10

FOURTH WEEKEND

AUGUST:	
20	Buffalo 37, Green Bay 0
20	New Orleans 26, Baltimore 20 (OT)
20	New York Giants 17, Pittsburgh 0
21	New York Jets 27, Houston 24
21	New England 28, Atlanta 17
21	Los Angeles 23, Oakland 14
21	San Francisco 17, San Diego 16
21	St. Louis 20, Chicago 14
21	Kansas City 23, Washington 20
21	Denver 52, Seattle 7
21	Miami 28, Tampa Bay 21
21	Dallas 36, Detroit 16
22	Minnesota 23, Cincinnati 17
23	Cleveland 21, Philadelphia 17

FIFTH WEEKEND

AUGUST:	
28	Dallas 20, Pittsburgh 10
28	Washington 38, N.Y. Jets 7
28	Atlanta 21, Baltimore 7
28	N.Y. Giants 20, Green Bay 16
28	Chicago 10, Tampa Bay 7
28	Denver 21, St. Louis 17
28	Minnesota 20, Philadelphia 16
28	Detroit 23, Kansas City 21
28	Los Angeles 31, Buffalo 17
28	Miami 10, Houston 6
28	New Orleans 13, Cincinnati 10
29	Oakland 14, San Francisco 9
29	Seattle 17, San Diego 16
30	New England at Cleveland, Cleveland 8:00

SIXTH WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER:	
2	Baltimore at Detroit, Pontiac 8:00
3	Cleveland at Buffalo, Buffalo 7:30
3	Chicago at Washington, Wash. 8:00
3	Atlanta vs. Green Bay, Milw. 8:00
3	Kansas City at St. Louis, St. Louis 8:00
4	Miami at N. Orleans, N. Orleans 8:00
4	San Francisco at L. A., Los Angeles 7:00
4	N. Y. Jets at Pitts., Pittsburgh 8:00
4	Seattle at Oakland, Oakland 6:00
4	Houston at Dallas, Dallas (ABC) 8:00
4	N. Y. Giants at San Diego, San Diego 8:00
4	Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, Tampa 8:00
5	Minn. at Denver, Denver (NBC) 1:30
5	Philadelphia at N. Engl., Foxboro, Mass. 8:00

CAMP TRANSACTIONS

The following is a list of all reported Chicago Bear transactions since the opening of the 1976 training camp. As of August 28 there were 51 players on the active list, including the two College All-Stars.

WAIVED									
Date	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Yr	College		
7-16	Henry Abadi	K	6-4	205	27	1	Clemson		
8-10	Norm Andersen	WR	5-11	164	23	R	UCLA		
8-24	Witt Beckman	WR	6-3	195	24	R	Miami (Fla.)		
7-27	Brad Cousino	LB	6-0	219	23	2	Miami (Ohio)		
7-20	Ron Cuie	RB	6-1	199	22	R	Oregon St.		
8-24	Ken Downing	CB	5-10	180	22	R	Missouri		
7-27	Gary Evans	CB	6-0	181	21	R	NE Missouri		
7-27	Champ Henson	RB	6-3	240	23	2	Ohio St.		
7-27	Bill Hoban	DE	6-4	236	23	R	Michigan		
7-27	Jim Hovey	LB	6-4	222	23	1	Kentucky		
7-15	Andre Jackson	LB	6-1	230	21	R	Iowa		
8-24	Dale Kasowski	RB	6-2	210	22	R	North Dakota		
7-15	Tom Klaban	K	6-0	182	21	R	Ohio St.		
7-20	Joe Larkin	S	5-11	195	25	1	Boise St.		
7-15	Jack LeVeck	LB	6-0	225	27	4	Ohio U.		
7-20	Bill Marek	RB	5-8	188	22	R	Wisconsin		
8-24	Jerry Meyers	DE	6-4	252	22	R	Northern Illinois		
8-24	Ivy Moore	WR	6-3	180	23	R	Southern Illinois		
7-20	Eddie Moss	RB	6-0	215	27	4	SE Missouri		
8-24	Ron Parker	TE	6-2	222	22	R	TCU		
8-10	Vernon Perry	CB	6-2	202	22	R	Jackson St.		
7-15	Jim Pooler	RB	5-11	195	21	R	Northwestern		
8-18	Ted Powell	TE	6-1	225	23	1	Ohio St.		
7-11	Tom Reynolds	WR	6-3	200	27	3	San Diego St.		
8-16	Wayne Rhodes	CB	6-1	180	22	R	Alabama		
8-02	Ed Strickland	K	6-0	200	28	1	Livingston St.		
8-10	Steve Studer	C	6-1	240	23	R	Bowling Green		
7-27	Jeff Tryon	CB	6-1	185	22	R	Boise St.		
7-15	Wayne Womack	LB	6-2	240	21	R	Utah St.		
RETIRED									
7-14	Rudy Allen	WR	6-4	200	21	R	Georgia Tech		
7-20	Bob Asher	OT	6-6	258	28	6	Vanderbilt		
FAILED PHYSICAL									
7-11	Jimmy Kelly	WR	5-10	182	22	R	Cincinnati		
ACQUIRED									
8-12	Ross Brupbacher	LB	6-3	225	28	4	Texas A&M		
7-07	Rick Danmeler	K	5-11	214	24	1	Sioux Falls		
8-26	Henry Laws	CB	5-10	169	22	R	So. California		
PRE-SEASON INACTIVE									
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Letters to the Editor 1948 N. Lincoln Chicago, Ill. 60614



A Taiwan Reader

Dear Editor:

I'm in the Air Force, with my wife and daughter, stationed in Taipei, Taiwan. I'll be here for two years, so about the only source of information about the Bears that I'll have is your newspaper.

As of right now I'm getting the Chicago Sun Times sent to me. I noticed an ad in the Sun Times for the Bear Report and so I decided to subscribe. It contains all that I want to know about the Bears; information that I'd have no other way of getting.

I've been a Bears' fan for a long time and have managed to keep up with them for the last eight years even though I've been stationed in Mississippi, Texas, Thailand and Viet Nam. Being away so much, naturally I haven't been able to see too many games on TV nor have I been able to attend many games in person. I was able to make it to Houston to see the Bears play Oilers in exhibition games in 1969, 70 and 72.

In the last 20 years I have suffered and rejoiced with the Bears but I'm sure with Jim Finks and Jack Pardee, the Bears are ready to turn the corner.

A Bear Fan Forever,
SSgt Rodney Krueger
6987th S.S.
Taipei, Taiwan

(Thanks much for your letter Rodney, you are our first overseas Bear Report subscriber. Rodney's record was 2-1 at those Bear-Oiler games, the last two in a row. BR)

A Buffone Backer

Dear Doug,

Bless you and all the people who are responsible for coming up with the brilliant idea of the Chicago Bear Report. As you know, I've been a Bear fan for many, many years ... so much so that I subscribed to the Chicago newspapers with the sole purpose of reading the sport page hoping to find something about the Bears.

The Bear Report not only saves me a great deal of expense but it is a condensed and personal report of the Bears — which I'm primarily interested in. Although I do enjoy keeping abreast of the other NFL teams.

Living in Houston and being a Bear fan takes a lot of courage. My associates over the past years have given me anxious moments because as you know, we've had some lean years. But from all indications the Bears are off and running this year.

Keep up the good work and I'll look forward to seeing you in Dallas (Oct. 24) when you tangle with the Cowboys. My gang and I will be there in force. Good luck to one of the most underrated linebackers in the pro ranks and God bless you.

Sincerely,
Bus Talleri
Houston, Texas

(I'm sure that as a respectful nephew, Doug appreciates the comments of his uncle Bus, thanks for writing. BR)

A Slogan Correction

Dear Doug,

I would like to clarify a slogan that I sent in and had printed in your August 19th issue. I came out as 'Beware of the Bears', and I'm sure that someone has used that slogan before.

In order to emphasize your great publication I meant for the slogan to read 'Be Aware of the Bears.' Your paper, with the scouting reports, etc., helps to give us fans great insight about the team and thus the slogan. I'm pulling for the Bears more than ever, as I have a nephew that has been a new addition to the Bears this year and I know he will do his share.

Sincerely,
Beatrice Przepiorski
Chicago, Illinois

(OK Beatrice we've now got your slogan straight. But you've got me stumped as to the identity of your Bear nephew. Let me hear from you again on that. BR)

Thoughts From Florida

Dear Number 55:

I have recently returned from Don Shula's training camp and I am elated to report that I can witness definite parallels between the two teaching systems of Shula and coach (Jack) Pardee.

In both systems, during preparation there is nothing left to guess, everything is thought out and planned. I know these young Bears will reap the benefits of Pardee's system when the tough campaign begins.

When they start defeating the veteran winning ball clubs, the intensity of their weekly preparations will take on the aura of a Landry or a Shula camp. For this reason I interpret the tough schedule as a stern measuring rod for deciding if many of the Bear youngsters are capable of entering into that Playoff caliber.

I sincerely hope that your Bear Report stays around as long as the Chicago Tribune ... Best of luck in 76.

Carmine R. Manganiello
Coral Springs, Florida

Just the Thing

Dear Sir:

I am 11 years old and have been following the Bears since I was a child. At school I always get kidded about the Bears because I live in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, in Packer Country.

Many of the kids here are also Steeler and Viking fans and they brag to me and many other Bear fans.

My dad was always looking for Bear news and finally he has found some with your newspaper.

Tom Rathsack
Manitowoc, Wis.

Sioux City Sentiments

Dear Doug:

I've been a Bears' fan for many years now. My brother was in Chicago for Navy basic training and he ordered the Bear Report for me. I really think it's a great sports paper. It has everything a Bears' fan would love. I especially like the Superpickers.

Sincerely a Bear Believer,
Adrian Loepp
Sioux City, Iowa

Pardee for Coach of the Year

Dear Doug:

I really enjoy the Bear Report. The articles are great and give terrific insight into the game and the Bear organization — to which I am undyingly loyal.

I think you will notice by the end of the year that Jack Pardee will be Coach of the Year and Bob Avellini will be Quarterback of the Year. So keep up the great work I am looking forward to the coming regular season when the Bears come alive.

Sincerely,
Richard Soltas
Evergreen Park, Illinois

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(All Times Local)

First Weekend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Baltimore at New England	1:00
Denver at Cincinnati	1:00
Detroit at Chicago	1:00
Los Angeles at Atlanta	1:00
Minnesota at New Orleans	1:00
New York Giants at Washington	1:00
New York Jets at Cleveland	1:00
Philadelphia at Dallas	1:00
Pittsburgh at Oakland	1:00
St. Louis at Seattle	1:00
San Diego at Kansas City	1:00
San Francisco at Green Bay	1:00
Tampa Bay at Houston	1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Miami at Buffalo	9:00
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Second Weekend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Atlanta at Detroit	1:00
Chicago at San Francisco	1:00
Cincinnati at Baltimore	2:00
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	1:00
Dallas at New Orleans	1:00
Green Bay at St. Louis	1:00
Houston at Buffalo	1:00
Los Angeles at Minnesota	3:00
Miami at New England	1:00
New York Giants at Philadelphia	1:00
New York Jets at Denver	2:00
San Diego at Tampa Bay	1:00
Seattle at Washington	1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Oakland at Kansas City	8:00
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Third Weekend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Atlanta at Chicago	1:00
Baltimore at Dallas	3:00
Buffalo at Tampa Bay	1:00
Cleveland at Denver	2:00
Green Bay at Cincinnati	1:00
Minnesota at Detroit	1:00
New England at Pittsburgh	1:00
New Orleans at Kansas City	1:00
New York Giants at Los Angeles	1:00
New York Jets at Miami	1:00
Oakland at Houston	1:00
St. Louis at San Diego	1:00
San Francisco at Seattle	1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Washington at Philadelphia	9:00
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Fourth Weekend

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Cincinnati at Cleveland	1:00
Dallas at Seattle	1:00
Detroit at Green Bay	1:00
Houston at New Orleans	1:00
Kansas City at Buffalo	1:00
Los Angeles at Miami	4:00
New York Giants at St. Louis	1:00
Oakland at New England	1:00
New York Jets at San Francisco	1:00
Philadelphia at Atlanta	1:00
San Diego at Denver	2:00
Tampa Bay at Baltimore	2:00
Washington at Chicago	1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Pittsburgh at Minnesota	8:00
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Fifth Weekend

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Atlanta at New Orleans	1:00
Buffalo at New York Jets	1:00
Chicago at Minnesota	1:00
Dallas at New York Giants	1:00
Denver at Houston	1:00
Kansas City at Washington	1:00
Miami at Baltimore	4:00
New England at Detroit	1:00
Oakland at San Diego	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	1:00
St. Louis at Philadelphia	1:00
Seattle vs. Green Bay (Milw.)	1:00
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati	1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

San Francisco at Los Angeles	6:00
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Sixth Weekend

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Baltimore at Buffalo	1:00
Chicago at Los Angeles	1:00
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	1:00
Cleveland at Atlanta	1:00
Dallas at St. Louis	3:00
Detroit at Washington	1:00
Houston at San Diego	1:00
Kansas City at Miami	1:00
New Orleans at San Francisco	1:00
New York Giants at Minnesota	1:00
Oakland at Denver	2:00
Philadelphia at Green Bay	1:00
Seattle at Tampa Bay	1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

New York Jets at New England	9:00
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Seventh Weekend

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Atlanta at San Francisco	7:00
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Baltimore at New York Jets	1:00
Chicago at Dallas	1:00
Cincinnati at Houston	3:00
Denver at Kansas City	1:00
Detroit at Seattle	1:00
Green Bay at Oakland	1:00
Los Angeles at New Orleans	1:00
Miami at Tampa Bay	1:00
Minnesota at Philadelphia	1:00
New England at Buffalo	1:00
Pittsburgh at New York Giants	1:00
San Diego at Cleveland	1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

St. Louis at Washington	9:00
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Eighth Weekend

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Cleveland at Cincinnati	1:00
Dallas at Washington	4:00
Denver at Oakland	1:00
Green Bay at Detroit	1:00
Kansas City at Tampa Bay	1:00
Minnesota at Chicago	1:00
New England at Miami	1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta	1:00
New York Jets at Buffalo	1:00
Philadelphia at New York Giants	1:00
San Diego at Pittsburgh	1:00
San Francisco at St. Louis	1:00
Seattle at Los Angeles	1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Houston at Baltimore	9:00
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Ninth Weekend

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Atlanta at Seattle	1:00
Baltimore at San Diego	1:00
Buffalo at New England	1:00
Cleveland at Houston	1:00
Detroit at Minnesota	3:00
Miami at New York Jets	1:00
New Orleans vs. Green Bay (Milw.)	1:00
New York Giants at Dallas	1:00
Oakland at Chicago	1:00
Philadelphia at St. Louis	1:00
Pittsburgh at Kansas City	1:00
Tampa Bay at Denver	2:00
Washington at San Francisco	1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Los Angeles at Cincinnati	9:00
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Tenth Weekend

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Chicago at Green Bay	1:00
Denver at San Diego	1:00
Detroit at New Orleans	1:00
Houston at Cincinnati	1:00
Kansas City at Oakland	1:00
Miami at Pittsburgh	4:00
New England at Baltimore	2:00
Philadelphia at Cleveland	1:00
St. Louis at Los Angeles	1:00
San Francisco at Atlanta	1:00
Seattle at Minnesota	1:00
Tampa Bay at New York Jets	1:00
Washington at New York Giants	1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Buffalo at Dallas	8:00
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Eleventh Weekend

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Chicago at Detroit	1:00
Cincinnati at Kansas City	1:00
Cleveland at Tampa Bay	1:00
Dallas at Atlanta	1:00
Houston at Pittsburgh	1:00
Los Angeles at San Francisco	1:00
Minnesota vs. Green Bay (Milw.)	1:00
New England at New York Jets	1:00
New Orleans at Seattle	1:00
New York Giants at Denver	2:00
Oakland at Philadelphia	1:00
San Diego at Buffalo	1:00
Washington at St. Louis	3:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Baltimore at Miami	9:00
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Twelfth Weekend

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 (Thanksgiving Day)

Buffalo at Detroit	12:30
St. Louis at Dallas	2:30

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Atlanta at Houston	1:00
Denver at New England	1:00
Green Bay at Chicago	1:00
Kansas City at San Diego	1:00
Miami at Cleveland	1:00
New Orleans at Los Angeles	1:00
New York Jets at Baltimore	2:00
Philadelphia at Washington	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	3:00
Seattle at New York Giants	1:00
Tampa Bay at Oakland	1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Minnesota at San Francisco	6:00
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Thirteenth Weekend

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Atlanta at Los Angeles	12:30
Baltimore at St. Louis	12:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Buffalo at Miami	4:00
Chicago at Seattle	1:00
Dallas at Philadelphia	1:00
Detroit at New York Giants	1:00
Green Bay at Minnesota	1:00
Houston at Cleveland	1:00
Kansas City at Denver	2:00
New Orleans at New England	1:00
San Francisco at San Diego	1:00
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh	1:00
Washington at New York Jets	1:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Cincinnati at Oakland	6:00
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Fourteenth Weekend

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Los Angeles at Detroit	9:00
Minnesota at Miami	1:00
Pittsburgh at Houston	2:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

Buffalo at Baltimore	2:00
Cincinnati at New York Jets	1:00
Cleveland at Kansas City	1:00
Denver at Chicago	1:00
Green Bay at Atlanta	1:00
New England at Tampa Bay	1:00
St. Louis at New York Giants	1:00
San Diego at Oakland	1:00
San Francisco at New Orleans	1:00
Seattle at Philadelphia	1:00
Washington at Dallas	3:00

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis...	11	3	0	.786	356	276
Dallas.....	10	4	0	.714	350	268
Washington...	8	6	0	.571	325	276
N.Y. Giants...	5	9	0	.357	216	306
Philadelphia...	4	10	0	.286	225	302

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota...	12	2	0	.857	377	180
Detroit.....	7	7	0	.500	249	258
GREEN BAY...	4	10	0	.286	226	285
Chicago.....	4	10	0	.286	191	379

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles...	12	2	0	.857	312	135
San Francisco...	5	9	0	.357	255	286
Atlanta.....	4	10	0	.286	240	289
New Orleans...	2	12	0	.143	165	360

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Baltimore...	10	4	0	.714	395	269
Miami.....	10	4	0	.714	357	222
Buffalo.....	8	6	0	.571	420	355
New England...	3	11	0	.214	258	358
N.Y. Jets...	3	11	0	.214	258	433

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh...	12	2	0	.857	373	162
Cincinnati...	11	3	0	.786	340	246
Houston.....	10	4	0	.714	293	226
Cleveland...	3	11	0	.214	218	372

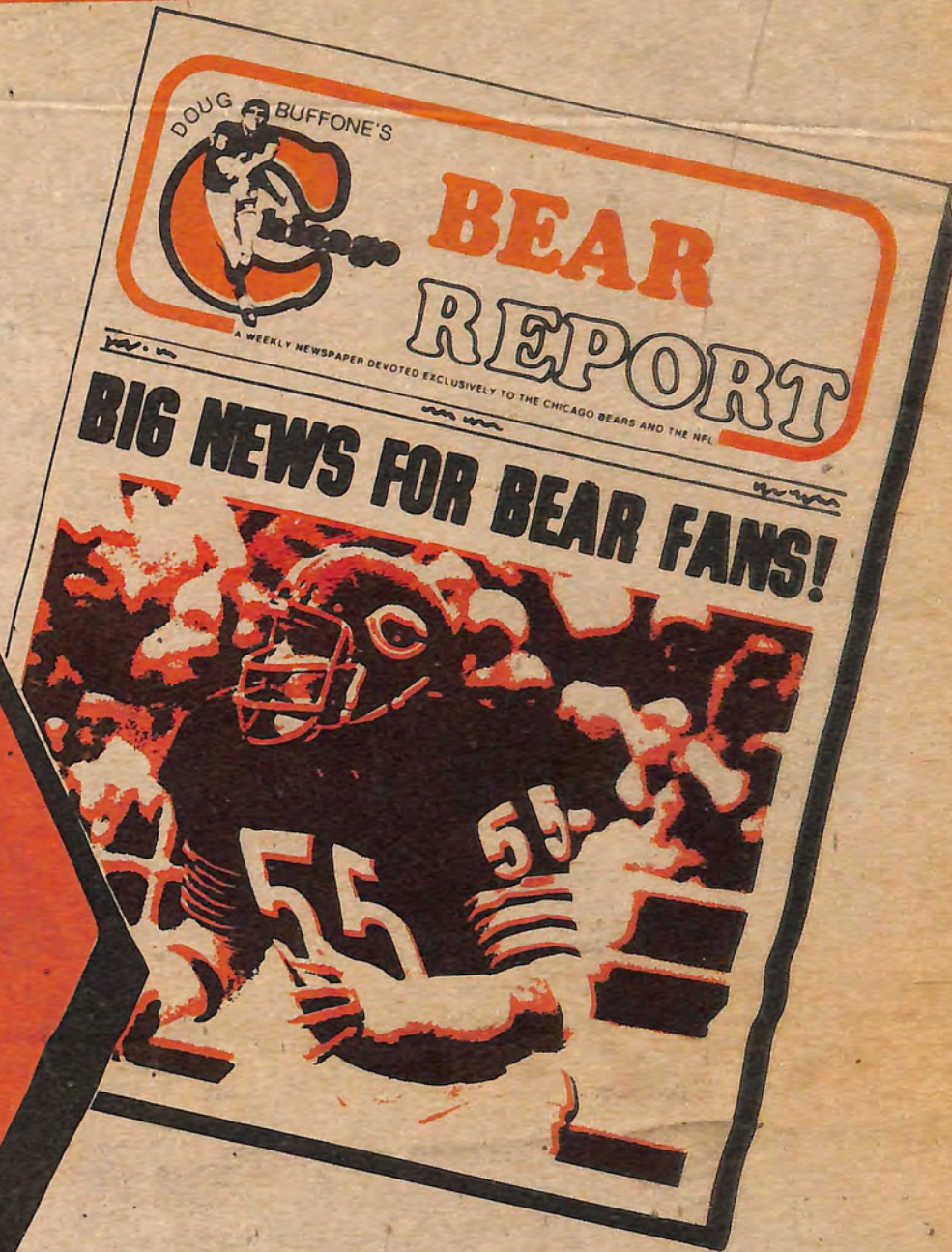
Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Oakland.....	11	3	0	.786	375	255
Denver.....	6	8	0	.429	254	307
Kansas City...	5	9	0	.385	282	341
San Diego...	2	12	0	.143	189	345

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BEAR REPORT

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TV Pullout Section

Take this special section with you to watch the Monday Night games through the regular season. The TV Pullout Section includes a listing of all nationally televised games for the 1976 season and rosters for the Monday Night games.

TV Doubleheader Games

(Following Sunday games are scheduled to be seen in many market areas as part of television doubleheaders)

Sep. 12	Pittsburgh at Oakland (NBC)
Sep. 19	Los Angeles at Minnesota (CBS)
Sep. 26	Baltimore at Dallas (NBC)
Oct. 3	Los Angeles at Miami (CBS)
Oct. 10	Miami at Baltimore (NBC)
Oct. 17	Dallas at St. Louis (CBS)
Oct. 24	Green Bay at Oakland (CBS)
	Cincinnati at Houston (NBC)
Oct. 31	Dallas at Washington (CBS)
Nov. 7	Detroit at Minnesota (CBS)
Nov. 14	Miami at Pittsburgh (NBC)
Nov. 21	Washington at St. Louis (CBS)
Nov. 28	Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (NBC)
Dec. 5	Buffalo at Miami (NBC)
Dec. 12	Washington at Dallas (CBS)

Postseason

Sat., Dec. 18	AFC & NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sun., Dec. 19	AFC & NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC and CBS)
Sun., Dec. 26	AFC Championship Game (NBC)
	NFC Championship Game (CBS)
Sun., Jan. 9	Super Bowl XI at Rose Bowl, Pasadena (NBC)
Mon., Jan. 17	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Seattle (night, ABC)

The Bears Regionally

The following ten television stations have been designated as members of CBS's Chicago Bears regional network for 1976. Bob Cochran, the National Football League's broadcast coordinator, does offer a word of caution saying that area stations may be added or dropped from the network depending on the game's regional importance.

Those stations now on the list include:

WHBF-TV	Rock Island, Illinois
WCIA-TV	Champaign, Illinois
WMBD-TV	Peoria, Illinois
WCEE-TV	Rockford, Illinois
WBBM-TV	Chicago, Illinois
WTHI-TV	Terre Haute, Indiana
WSBI-TV	South Bend, Indiana
WANE-TV	Fort Wayne, Indiana
WISH-TV	Indianapolis, Indiana
WLFI-TV	Lafayette, Indiana

JACK PARDEE SHOW

During the 1976 regular season join Bear head coach Jack Pardee and host Johnny Morris on WBBM-TV (Channel 2 in Chicago). The Jack Pardee Show will air each week one hour before the Bears' TV kick-off time.

Pre-Season National TV Games

Sat., Aug. 7	Los Angeles 26, Dallas 14
Sat., Aug. 14	Pittsburgh 27, Washington 7
Fri., Aug. 20	New York Giants 17, Pittsburgh 0
Sat., Aug. 21	Los Angeles 23, Oakland 14
Sun., Aug. 22	Minnesota 23, Cincinnati 17
Sat., Aug. 28	Pittsburgh at Dallas (night, ABC)
Sun., Aug. 29	Oakland at San Francisco (day, ABC)
Sat., Sep. 4	Houston at Dallas (night, ABC)
Sun., Sep. 5	Minnesota at Denver (day, NBC)

Monday Night Games At A Glance (All times local)

Sep. 13	Miami at Buffalo	9:00
Sep. 20	Oakland at Kansas City	8:00
Sep. 27	Washington at Philadelphia	9:00
Oct. 4	Pittsburgh at Minnesota	8:00
Oct. 11	San Francisco at Los Angeles	6:00
Oct. 18	New York Jets at New England	9:00
Oct. 25	St. Louis at Washington	9:00
Nov. 1	Houston at Baltimore	9:00
Nov. 8	Los Angeles at Cincinnati	9:00
Nov. 15	Buffalo at Dallas	8:00
Nov. 22	Baltimore at Miami	9:00
Nov. 29	Minnesota at San Francisco	6:00
Dec. 6	Cincinnati at Oakland	6:00

(Fourteenth game of ABC nationally televised series will be Los Angeles at Detroit, Saturday night, Dec. 11, 9:00 local time)

Regular Season TV Schedule

Mon., Sep. 13	Miami at Buffalo (night, ABC)
Mon., Sep. 20	Oakland at Kansas City (night, ABC)
Mon., Sep. 27	Washington at Philadelphia (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 4	Pittsburgh at Minnesota (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 11	San Francisco at Los Angeles (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 18	New York Jets at New England (night, ABC)
Mon., Oct. 25	St. Louis at Washington (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 1	Houston at Baltimore (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 8	Los Angeles at Cincinnati (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 15	Buffalo at Dallas (night, ABC)
Mon., Nov. 22	Baltimore at Miami (night, ABC)
Thur., Nov. 25	(Thanksgiving) Buffalo at Detroit (day, NBC)
	St. Louis at Dallas (day, CBS)
Mon., Nov. 29	Minnesota at San Francisco (night, ABC)
Sat., Dec. 4	Baltimore at St. Louis (day, NBC)
	Atlanta at Los Angeles (day, CBS)
Mon., Dec. 6	Cincinnati at Oakland (night, ABC)
Sat., Dec. 11	Minnesota at Miami (day, CBS)
	Pittsburgh at Houston (day, NBC)
	Los Angeles at Detroit (night, ABC)
Sat., Dec. 18	AFC & NFC Divisional Playoffs (NBC & CBS)
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BEARS ON RADIO

All Chicago Bear football games can be heard exclusively on WGN Radio, 720 AM in Chicago. Join Bill Berg and Mike Pyle for each week's play-by-play account during the 1976 season.



All set for the start of another NFL regular season is this CBS crew member and his hand-held camera. (Photo by Bill Smith)

Former Players Make Better Coaches?

Do former players make better NFL head coaches?

Admittedly, the question is somewhat rhetorical, but with the opening of the NFL's 57th season just around the corner, it's as good a time as any to wonder.

According to the top NFL team finishers from 1975 (i.e. teams which made the playoffs), the NFL's leaders finished in a draw - Baltimore's Ted Marchibroda and Pittsburgh's Chuck Noll (former pro players) offsetting Cincinnati's Paul Brown and Oakland's John Madden (non-pro players) and Dallas' Tom Landry and Minnesota's Bud Grant (former pro players) offsetting Los Angeles' Chuck Knox and St. Louis' Don Coryell (non-pro players). The former pro players held no edge over their non-player counterparts last year.

If you believe the Super Bowl is the best barometer for determining who the best teams and coaches are, then former players Chuck Noll and Tom Landry win.

Whatever your own personal beliefs, some general statements can be made about members of each species.

The average age of an AFC coach who was not a former player is 48.75 years with 24 years experience. Former players average 45 years old, but with only 11.6 years experience.

In the NFC, the same general tendencies hold true. The non-player coaches average 48.5 years with 23.5 years of experience. The former players

average 44.5 years old with just 9.8 years of experience.

It is interesting to review the varied backgrounds of the players versus the non-player coaches.

The Former Pro Players

Ted Marchibroda, Baltimore Colts - A former first round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1953, Marchibroda played four NFL seasons as a quarterback, finishing second in passing in 1956. Prior to '75 season Ted was an assistant coach for 14 years, nine of those years being spent as an offensive assistant to George Allen. **Bill Johnson**, Cincinnati Bengals - An all-pro center who played for the 49ers from 1948-55, Johnson assumes his first head coaching assignment this year after serving as an assistant for 20 years. **Forrest Gregg**, Cleveland Browns - Over his 15 year career as both a guard and tackle, Gregg was named all-pro eight times. Forrest served as an assistant to the Chargers in 1972-73 before accepting the Cleveland post, his first head coaching position. **Paul Wiggin**, K.C. Chiefs - Paul played 11 years for the Browns as a DE (1957-67) and was named to the Pro Bowl in 1966-67. Starts his second season as K.C. head man after serving seven seasons as an assistant to 49ers.

Don Shula, Miami Dolphins - A defensive back for the Browns, Colts and Redskins, Shula joined the Detroit Lions as a defensive coach in 1960 before being named head coach of the Colts three years later. **Chuck Noll**, Pitt-

sburgh Steelers--Noll was a guard-linebacker for the Browns from 1953-59. At 27 he started his pro coaching career with the Los Angeles Chargers of the old AFL in 1960. Took the Pittsburgh job in 1969. **Marion Campbell**, Atlanta Falcons--A former defensive tackle with the 49ers and the Eagles, Campbell was named to the Pro Bowl in 1959-60. Started coaching with Boston (1962-63) and assumed Falcon job in later half of 1974 season. **Jack Pardee**, Chicago Bears--Pardee concluded a 15 year linebacking career in the NFL in 1972. Coached the Florida Blazers to the WFL Championship Game in 1974. Enters his second year as Bear head man after 4-10 finish in 1975.

Tom Landry, Dallas Cowboys--The only head coach the Cowboys have ever known, Landry was a DB for the N.Y. Yankees of the old AAFC before joining the N.Y. Giants in a similar capacity in 1950. Entered coaching full time in 1956 before taking over the Pokes in 1960. **Bart Starr**, G.B. Packers--Bart was known as "Mr. Quarterback" as he led the Pack to five world titles between 1956-71. Served as a Packer assistant to Dan Devine before replacing Devine as head man in 1975. **Bud Grant**, Minnesota Vikings--Ranked as the No. 2 receiver in the NFL as a Philly Eagle in 1952. Left for the CFL's Winnipeg franchise where he became head coach in '57. **Monte Clark**, S.F. 49ers--A fourth round 49er draft choice in 1959, Clark played 10 seasons as both a DT and OT. An assistant to Don Shula till last season, this will be Clark's first season as a head coach. **Jack Patera**, Seattle Seahawks--A guard for the Colts from 1955-57, a middle guard for the Chicago Cardinals from 1958-59 and a linebacker for the Cowboys for 1960-61. Patera was an NFL assistant for 13 seasons with the Rams, Giants and Vikings.

THE NON-PLAYERS

Lou Saban, Buffalo Bills--Saban begins his 16th season as a head coach. He was named head coach of Case Institute in 1950 (at the age of 29), and took his first pro coaching head job in 1960 with Boston of the AFL. **John Ralston**, Denver Broncos--Entering his fifth season as Denver's head coach, 49 year old Ralston built a powerhouse at Stanford from 1963-71 where his teams won the 1971 and 1972 Rose Bowls. He entered coaching at Mt. Diablo High School in 1951. **O.A. "Bum" Phillips**, Houston Oilers--At 53, Phillips is at the peak of his career. He entered coaching in 1950 in the Texas high school



league. He was an assistant for 5 years before being named Oilers head man in 1975. **Chuck Fairbanks**, N.E. Patriots--Began his career at Ishpeming (Mich.) High in 1955 enters his fourth season as Patriots head coach.

Lou Holtz, N.Y. Jets--A 39-year-old miracle worker from N.C. State where he turned the program around and gave it respectability. Entered college coaching as a student assistant in 1958. **John Madden**, Oakland Raiders--Had it not been for a disabling knee injury sustained in the Eagles camp in 1959, 39-year-old Madden would be listed among the former pro players. He never recovered but went on to distinguish himself as a pro head coach after starting out as an assistant at Hancock Junior College in Santa Maria, Cal. in 1960. **Tommy Prothro**, S.D. Chargers--The 56-year-old Prothro ties Lou Saban for the elder statesman honor of the NFL. He entered coaching as an assistant at Vanderbilt in 1946. Held his first pro coaching job in 1971 with Rams.

John McKay, Tampa Bay Bucs--In his first year as a pro coach, 53-year old McKay entered coaching as an assistant at Oregon in 1950. He is best known for his great Southern Cal teams developed over the years between 1960-75.

Rick Forzano, Detroit Lions--Forzano took his first head coaching job at Hower High in Akron, Ohio in 1953. Went on to head Navy from 1969-72 before joining Lions in 1973, assuming the head coaching job in 1974 following the death of head coach

Don McCafferty, Chuck Knox, L.A. Rams--An assistant at his alma mater (Juniata College) in 1954, 44-year-old Knox spent 10 years as an assistant in the pros before assuming the Ram job in 1972. **Hank Stram**, N.O. Saints--The only man to coach a single team through the entire existence of the AFL, Stram entered the profession for his alma mater (Purdue) in 1948 upon graduation. Became a pro head coach in 1960 with newly created Dallas Texans.

Bill Arnsparger, N.Y. Giants--First assignment was for his alma mater (Miami, Ohio) in 1950. Joined Don Shula in Baltimore in 1964 and stayed until his Dolphin defenses had won renown. Took Giants job in 1974.

Dick Vermeil, Philadelphia Eagles--A former assistant at San Mateo in 1963, 40-year-old Vermeil has coached under four present NFL head coaches--Allen, Prothro, Knox and Ralston--and now takes the Eagles head job after leading UCLA to an upset of Ohio State in this year's Rose Bowl. **Don Coryell**, S.L. Cardinals--Though his career began in far away Hawaii (Punahou Academy, Honolulu, 1951), Coryell is successful college coach (San Diego State, 1961-72), who has made good in the pros. Took over in St. Louis in 1972. **George Allen**, Washington Redskins--He began at Morningside College in Iowa in 1948, and you could say the rest is history. Allen (54-years-old) was head coach of the Rams for five years (1966-70) before taking head job of 'Skins in 1971.



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2	Butler, Skip	Ki	7	Texas-Arlington
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB-P	6	Santa Clara
13	Clark, Leroy	P	1	Prairie View
14	Douglas, Karl	QB	3	Texas A & I
15	Johnson, Al	RB	5	Cincinnati
18	Baker, Melvin	WR	3	Texas Southern
19	Alexander, Willie	CB	6	Alcorn A & M
21	Hadl, John	QB	15	Kansas
22	Moore, Zeke	CB	10	Lincoln
23	Lobdell, Felix	RB	1	W. Illinois
25	Byars, Bobby	SS	R	Cheyney State
27	Stemrick, Greg	CB	2	Colorado St.
28	Weger, Mike	SS	9	Bowling Green
29	Germany, Willie	SS	4	Morgan State
30	Hardeman, Don	RB	2	Texas A & I
33	Largent, Steve	WR	R	Tulsa
34	Rodgers, Willie	RB	5	Kentucky State
36	Holmes, Robert (Tank)	RB	8	Southern
38	Whittington, C.L.	FS	3	Prairie View
39	Stringer, Art	OLB	R	Ball State
40	Ellis, Ken	CB	7	Southern
44	Willis, Fred	RB	6	Boston College
47	Coleman, Ronnie	RB	3	Alabama A & M
48	Atkins, Bob	FS	9	Grambling
50	Benson, Duane	OLB	10	Hamline
51	Thompson, Ted	MLB	2	So. Methodist
52	Brazile, Robert	OLB	2	Jackson State
53	Lemon, Mike	MLB	1	Kansas
54	Bingham, Gregg	MLB	4	Purdue
55	Mauck, Carl	C	8	So. Illinois

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56	Roberts, Guy	OLB	5	Maryland
57	Kiner, Steve	MLB	6	Tennessee
58	Rossovich, Tim	MBL	8	So. California
59	Washington, Ted	OLB	4	Miss. Valley
60	Fisher, Ed	G	3	Arizona State
61	Harris, Larry	G-T	R	Oklahoma St.
62	Simon, Bobby	G	R	Grambling
63	Carroll, Ronnie	C	3	Sam Houston St.
64	Saul, Ron	G	7	Michigan State
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	9	No. Carolina A & T
66	Cowdrey, Bruce	C	R	Missouri Western
68	Burton, Albert	DE	1	Bethune Cookman
69	Campbell, Carter	MG	5	Weber State
70	Hayman, Conway	G-T	4	Delaware
72	Hunt, Kevin	T-G	6	Doane (Neb)
73	Sampson, Greg	T	5	Stanford
75	Drungo, Elbert	T	8	Tennessee St.
77	Smith, C. (Bubba)	DE	9	Michigan State
78	Culp, Curley	MG	9	Arizona State
79	White, Jim	DE	4	Colorado St.
80	Little, John	MG	7	Oklahoma St.
81	Sawyer, John	TE	2	So. Mississippi
82	Alston, Mack	TE	7	Maryland St.
83	Mialik, Larry	TE	5	Wisconsin
84	Johnson, Billy	WR	3	Widener College
85	Smith, Tody	DE	6	So. California
86	Barber, Mike	WR-TE	R	Louisiana Tech
87	Edwards, Emmett	WR	2	Kansas
88	Beirne, Jim	WR	9	Purdue
89	Taylor, Otis	WR	12	Prairie View

Cowboys

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1	Herrera, Efren	K	3	UCLA
10	Farris, Bill	P	R	Mississippi
11	White, Danny	QB	R	Arizona State
12	Staubach, Roger	QB	8	Navy
14	Green, Cornelius	WR	R	Ohio State
15	Fritsch, Toni	K	5	None
19	Longley, Clint	QB	3	Abilene Christian
20	Renfro, Mel	CB	13	Oregon
21	Dennison, Doug	RB	3	Kutztown State
22	Laws, Henry	DB	R	South Carolina
25	Kyle, Aaron	DB	R	Wyoming
26	Pearson, Preston	RB	10	Illinois
27	Reece, Beasley	DB	R	North Texas
30	Young, Charles	RB	3	North Carolina State
31	Barnes, Benny	CB	5	Stanford
33	Thomas, Duane	RB	5	West Texas State
35	Laidlaw, Scott	RB	2	Stanford
37	Jensen, Jim	RB	R	Iowa
40	Johnson, Ron	RB	8	Michigan
41	Waters, Charlie	S	7	Clemson
42	Hughes, Randy	S	2	Oklahoma
43	Harris, Cliff	S	7	Ouachita
44	Newhouse, Robert	RB	5	Houston
45	Smith, John	RB	R	Boise State
46	Washington, Mark	CB	7	Morgan State
50	Lewis, D. D.	LB	8	Mississippi State
51	Shuck, Jim	C	R	Indiana
53	Breunig, Bob	LB	2	Arizona State
54	White, Randy	LB-DL	2	Maryland
55	Jordan, Lee Roy	LB	14	Alabama
56	Henderson, Thomas	LB	2	Langston

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57	Davis, Kyle	C	2	Oklahoma
58	Hegman, Mike	LB	R	Tennessee State
60	Arnold, LeFrancis	OL	2	Oregon
61	Nye, Blaine	G	9	Stanford
62	Fitzgerald, John	C	6	Boston College
63	Cole, Larry	DT	9	Hawaii
64	Rafferty, Tom	OL	R	Penn State
65	Pesuit, Wally	DL	R	Kentucky
66	Lawless, Burton	G	2	Florida
67	Donovan, Pat	T	2	Stanford
68	Scott, Herbert	G	2	Virginia Union
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	10	Fort Valley State
72	Jones, Ed	DE	3	Tennessee State
73	Neely, Ralph	T	12	Oklahoma
75	Pugh, Jethro	DT	12	Elizabeth City State
76	Eidson, Jim	OL	R	Mississippi State
77	Gregory, Bill	DT	6	Wisconsin
79	Martin, Harvey	DE	4	East Texas State
80	Ferguson, Duke	WR	R	San Diego State
81	Howard, Percy	WR	2	Austin Peay
82	Allen, Arthur	WR	R	Clark
83	Richards, Golden	WR	4	Hawaii
85	Bruer, Bob	TE	R	Mankato
86	Johnson, Butch	WR	R	UC — Riverside
87	Saldi, Jay	TE	R	South Carolina
88	Pearson, Drew	WR	4	Tulsa
89	DuPree, Billy Joe	TE	4	Michigan State
90	Bushong, John	DL	R	Western Kentucky
92	Lawrence, Jerry	DL	R	South Dakota State
93	McShane, Charles	LB	R	California Lutheran
94	Schaum, Greg	DL	R	Michigan State

Minnesota at Denver

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Vikings

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	College
6	Homer, Gary	K	R	Ohio
10	Tarkenton, Fran	QB	16	Georgia
12	Clabo, Neil	P	2	Tennessee
14	Cox, Fred	K	14	Pittsburgh
17	Berry, Bob	QB	12	Oregon
19	Lee, Bob	QB	7	Pacific
20	Bryant, Bobby	CB	8	South California
21	Wagner, Steve	S	R	Wisconsin
22	Krause, Paul	S	13	Iowa
23	Wright, Jeff	S	6	Minnesota
24	Brown, Terry	S	7	Oklahoma State
25	Allen, Nate	CB	6	Texas Southern
26	Brune, Larry	S	R	Rice
27	Beamon, Autry	S	2	East Texas State
28	Egerdahl, Terry	WR/S	R	Minn. (Duluth)
29	Jenkins, Leon	DB	2	West Virginia
31	Spencer, Willie	RB	R	No College
32	Reed, Oscar	RB	9	Colorado State
33	McClanahan, Brent	RB	4	Arizona State
35	Miller, Robert	RB	2	Kansas
36	Nelson, Orlando	TE/WR	R	Utah State
38	Hagins, Isaac	RS/WR	R	Southern
39	Kellar, Mark	RB	R	Northern Illinois
40	Hall, Windlan	S	5	Arizona State
41	Osborn, Dave	RB	12	North Dakota
43	Wright, Nate	CB	8	San Diego State
44	Foreman, Chuck	RB	4	Miami
45	Athas, Pete	CB	6	Tennessee
46	Sparks, Robert	DB	R	San Francisco St.
47	Groce, Ron	RB	R	Macalester
49	O'Connor, Jim	RB	1	Drake
50	Siemon, Jeff	LB	5	Stanford
51	Mack, Gene	LB	R	Texas El Paso

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	College
52	Broussard, Bubba	LB	1	Houston
53	Tingelhoff, Mick	C	15	Nebraska
54	McNeill, Fred	LB	3	UCLA
55	Martin, Amos	LB	5	Louisville
56	Anderson, Scott	C	2	Missouri
57	Dumler, Doug	C	4	Nebraska
58	Hilgenberg, Wally	LB	13	Iowa
59	Blair, Matt	LB	3	Iowa State
60	Winston, Roy	LB	15	Louisiana State
61	Hamilton, Wes	G	R	Tulsa
62	White, Ed	G	8	California
66	Maurer, Andy	G	7	Oregon
68	Goodrum, Charles	T	4	Florida A&M
69	Sutherland, Doug	DT	7	Wisc. (Superior)
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	17	Ohio State
72	White, James	DT	R	Oklahoma State
73	Yary, Ron	T	9	Southern Cal.
74	Paulson, Gary	DE	R	Colorado State
75	Lurtsema, Bob	DE/DT	10	Western Michigan
77	Mullaney, Mark	DE	2	Colorado State
78	Riley, Steve	T	3	Southern Cal.
80	Willis, Leonard	WR	R	Ohio State
81	Eller, Carl	DE	13	Minnesota
82	Lash, Jim	WR	4	Northwestern
83	Voigt, Stu	TE	7	Wisconsin
84	Craig, Steve	TE	3	Northwestern
85	White, Sammy	WR	R	Grambling
86	Geredine, Tom	WR	3	N.E. Missouri St.
87	Haslerig, Clint	WR	3	Michigan
88	Page, Alan	DT	10	Notre Dame
89	Kingsriter, Doug	TE	4	Minnesota

Broncos

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	College
10	Ramsey, Steve	QB	7	North Texas St.
11	Summers, Wilbur	K-P	R	Louisville
12	Penrose, Craig	QB	R	San Diego St.
14	Weese, Norris	QB	1	Mississippi
15	Turner, Jim	K	13	Utah St.
16	Hufnagel, John	QB	3	Penn St.
20	Wright, Louis	CB	2	San Jose St.
21	Polti, Randy	S	3	Stanford
23	Pane, Chris	DB	R	Chico State
24	Armstrong, Otis	RB	4	Purdue
25	Moses, Haven	WR	9	San Diego St.
26	Jones, Calvin	CB	4	Washington
30	Ross, Oliver	RB	4	Alabama A&M
31	Frankowiak, Mike	RB	2	Central Michigan
32	Keyworth, Jon	RB	3	Colorado
33	Kiick, Jim	RB	7	Wyoming
35	Perrin, Lonnie	RB	R	Illinois
36	Thompson, Bill	CB	8	Maryland St.
40	Rich, Randy	DB	R	New Mexico
41	Hooker, Fair	WR	5	Arizona St.
42	Van Heusen, Bill	WR/P	9	Maryland
43	Foley, Steve	S	R	Tulane
45	Schultz, John	WR	R	Maryland
46	Rowser, John	CB	10	Michigan
48	Betterson, Jim	RB	R	North Carolina
50	Maples, Bobby	C	12	Baylor
51	Swenson, Bob	LB	2	California
53	Gradishar, Randy	LB	3	Ohio State
54	Baska, Richard	LB	1	UCLA

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56	Evans, Larry	LB	R	Miss. College
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	4	Louisville
58	Olsen, Phil	C/DT	6	Utah State
59	Rizzo, Joe	LB	3	Mer. Mar. Acad.
60	Howard, Paul	G	4	Brigham Young
61	Lyons, Tom	G	6	Georgia
62	Glassic, Tom	G	R	Virginia
63	Grant, John	DE	4	So. California
64	Goodman, Harvey	G	R	Colorado
65	Johnson, Cornelius	G	4	Virginia Union
66	Manor, Brison	DE	1	Arkansas
67	Schaukowitz, Carl	G	2	Penn St.
68	Carter, Rubin	DT	2	Miami
70	Smith, Paul	DT	9	Mexico
71	Minor, Claudie	T	3	San Diego St.
72	Bridges, Bubba	DE	R	Colorado
73	Rogers, Stan	T	2	Maryland
74	Buetow, Bart	T	3	Minnesota
75	Cozens, Randy	LB	R	Pittsburgh
76	Moore, Randy	DT	R	Arizona
77	Alzado, Lyle	DE	6	Yankton
78	Montgomery, Marv	T	6	So. California
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	4	So. Carolina St.
80	Upchurch, Rick	WR	2	Minnesota
81	Ellwood, Rick	WR	R	San Diego St.
82	Dolbin, Jack	WR	2	Wake Forest
84	Seymour, Mark	TE	R	Wyoming
87	Brown, Boyd	TE	3	Alcorn A&M
88	Odums, Riley	TE	5	Houston